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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (File [redacted]) DATE: 11/20/64

FROM : SAC, Miami (File [redacted])

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka

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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 11/21/64

Reason for the delinquency: Agent assigned expedite work in extortion case, Bufile 9-42758

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 11/27/64

AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

No administrative action recommended.

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Copy to: 1 - INS, Miami, Florida [redacted] (RM)

Report of: EUGENE L. PAYNE
Date: November 27, 1964
Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #: [redacted]
Bureau File #: [redacted]

Title: [redacted]

Character: [redacted]

Synopsis:

Subject, a Cuban refugee presently living and working in the Miami, Fla. area, last entered the U.S. in [redacted]. In Cuba subject attended the [redacted] During interview, subject advised that subsequent [redacted] Subject denied [redacted]

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DETAILS:

PREDICATION

Investigation in this matter was based upon receipt of information from MM T-1. [redacted]

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BIRTH DATA AND ALIEN STATUS

On March 4, 1964, [redacted], Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, Florida, made available their file [redacted] regarding the subject, which was found to contain the following information:

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RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

On September 10, 1964, [redacted] resident manager, [redacted] Florida, advised that the subject has resided at this address [redacted]

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On November 23, 1964, [redacted] Florida, advised the subject had been [redacted]

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[redacted] considerably above average when compared to other Cuban exiles he has employed. [redacted] b6 b7C

PERSONAL HISTORY

On February 10, 1964, MM T-1 advised that during the time [redacted] has been observed in the Miami, Florida area, he appears to have maintained anti-communist sympathies during conversations. [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E

On November 7, 1960, MM T-2, [redacted] advised that information regarding [redacted] had been furnished to MM T-2 [redacted] According to the source of MM T-2, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

According to MM T-2, [redacted] described by MM T-2 as a [redacted]

On August 31, 1960, MM T-2 advised as follows:

As of [redacted] It was reported that [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7D b7E

MM [redacted] b3 b7E

[redacted] was a member of the [redacted] a [redacted]

MM T-2 described [redacted]

Cuba

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Cuba

[redacted] was also reportedly [redacted] At this time, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Nicaragua

Cuba

[redacted] met FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO. [redacted]

On February 17, 1964, MM T-1 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

MM [redacted] b3 b7E

[redacted] stated that the activity he is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
According to [redacted] one of the main points of [redacted]

On March 3, 1964, MM T-1 advised that [redacted] had conducted [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On March 2, 1964, MM T-1 again contacted the [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7D b7E

On May 31, 1964, MM T-1 advised that the subject had continued contacts with the [redacted] and in particular with [redacted] one of the [redacted] According to MM T-1, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On August 14, 1964, MM T-1 advised that during contacts with other Cubans [redacted] the subject had stated that certain people had [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On August 19, 1964, MM T-3, [redacted]

MM [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] government, it is unknown to MM T-1 whether or not he was [redacted].

On August 26, 1964, MM T-4, [redacted] residing in [redacted] advised that the subject was then residing in the [redacted] Subject previously [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On September 10, 1964, [redacted] advised that although the subject has visited SNFE headquarters [redacted] could not recall the specific reason why the subject visited SNFE headquarters but stated that Cuban exiles make daily visits for any number of reasons. b6 b7C

On November 23, 1964, [redacted] advised that [redacted] He [redacted] During conversations, [redacted] did not discuss his life [redacted] b6 b7C

INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT

FD-302 (Rev. 10-11-63)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 19, 1964

[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Miami office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and advised that he had received information from an individual at his residence to the effect that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was making inquiries about him, and because of this, he desired to be interviewed so as to resolve any question concerning his present or past activities. b6 b7C

[redacted] was advised by Special Agent EUGENE L. PAYNE that he need not make a statement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised by Special Agent PAYNE that he could talk to a lawyer prior to making a statement if he so desired. [redacted] stated he understood these rights and then furnished the following information:

He first arrived in the United States approximately [redacted] b6 b7C

Guatemala

Prior to his arrival in the United States in [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E

On 10-8-64 at Miami, Florida File # Miami [redacted]

by SAs EUGENE L. PAYNE and JOHN E. MC HUGH :al Date dictated 10-13-64

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of various nationalities interested in the political affairs affecting various Latin-American institutions of higher learning, especially Communism and pro-CASTRO activities. [redacted]

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In Cuba, [redacted] At the university [redacted] This activity was anti-Communist in nature although [redacted] pointed out there was a [redacted]

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[redacted] cannot specifically recall his activities from the time the [redacted] He lived mostly off of his [redacted] He considers he was rated [redacted] that almost everyone at the FEU was considered by the police to be anti-regime and he doubts whether he would have been an exception to this general rule.

Some time in 1959, after CASTRO came to power, [redacted]

MM [redacted] b3 b7C

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Cuba Venezuela

[redacted] FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO [redacted] is unable to define the political sympathies of [redacted] but is certain in his own mind that VIDAL SANTIAGO was anti-Communist in his political orientation. He believes that VIDAL, like himself, supported the revolution of FIDEL CASTRO until they discovered that CASTRO was a Communist. He knew [redacted] even though VIDAL continued his employment in the CASTRO Government, until March 1960. b6 b7C

On December 19, 1959, [redacted] and [redacted] and did so because of his disenchantment with FIDEL CASTRO. [redacted] He recalled that [redacted] considered this an expression of VIDAL's anti-Communist attitude. b6 b7C

In March 1960, [redacted] b6 b7C

While in Colombia, VIDAL was in contact with a U. S. Embassy official, name unknown, and during a conference with this individual and representatives of a university student organization, it was decided that an organization should be formed to orientate the Colombian university student group as to the dangers of Communist infiltration of the various student groups by pro-CASTRO

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elements. The organization founded was called the Frente Nacional de Liberacion (National Liberation Front) (FLN).

Cuba

Subsequent to this activity, several Cubans, including [redacted] b6 [redacted] went into exile and began to organize b7C anti-CASTRO efforts. The group which emerged from this was known as the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (Democratic Revolutionary Front) (FRD). VIDAL SANTIAGO and some of his followers came to Miami, Florida, to join this organization. However, [redacted]

Guatemala

[redacted] cannot recall the exact date of b6 these activities but recalled that when [redacted] b7C

Florida

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[redacted] made efforts [redacted] b6 b7C efforts finally resulted [redacted]

As to this [redacted] b6 pointed out that he attended as [redacted] b7C [redacted] Because of [redacted]

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[redacted] he attended the b7C
[redacted] At that time [redacted] was receiving a
salary from [redacted] He
[redacted]

[redacted] b6
[redacted] He remained in the b7C
[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] and after he and [redacted] talked about
[redacted] returned to
[redacted]

[redacted] b6
[redacted] This was brought about b7C
because of the efforts of an individual named [redacted],
[redacted] at that time regarding the
[redacted]
was sent to [redacted] where he remained for approximately
[redacted] At that time the [redacted]
[redacted]
was also named as a delegate at this time. When [redacted]
[redacted] Rep.
He secured [redacted] and upon re-entry into the
United States, he was given [redacted]

[redacted] is not now a member of any anti- b6
CASTRO organization. He presently works at the [redacted] b7C
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] has friends in various anti-CASTRO

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organizations. [redacted] b6 b7C

own to depose FIDEL CASTRO. He is not attempting to join an anti-CASTRO organization at this time because he does not think their efforts will be successful.

[redacted] denied that he was ever a member of the Juventud Socialista in Cuba. [redacted] Movimiento Nacional Revolucionario (National Revolutionary Movement) in Cuba. [redacted] civic movement led by JOSE PARDO LLADA, [redacted] and [redacted] This later became a political party opposed to the BATISTA Government. They wanted to change the government by elections and did not support FIDEL CASTRO so far as he knows. When it became a political party, it was known as the Partido Nacional Revolucionario (National Revolutionary Party), and PARDO LLADA became a collaborator of FIDEL CASTRO. Before [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] denied that during the regime of FULGENCIO BATISTA he was ever a member of the Directorio Revolucionario 13th of Marzo (13th of March Revolutionary Directorate) or ever participated in an attack on the Palace in Cuba as a member of this or any other organization. b6 b7C

As explained previously, [redacted] but he explained that he did not join an organization known as Comite Pro-Liberacion de Nicaragua (Committee for the Liberation of Nicaragua) (CPIN) [redacted] He joined the [redacted] This organization was formed to assist democratically-oriented Nicaraguans against the dictatorship of SOMOZA and was [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] denied that he was acting under orders of "CHE" GUEVARA, the Cuban Communist leader, in connection with his activities in this group. He pointed out that "CHE" GUEVARA was assisting another group, name unrecalled, which was functioning about the same time, to assist Nicaraguans against SOMOZA. This organization was led by [redacted] talked to [redacted] on several occasions and had [redacted] leadership in the activities of the [redacted] b6 b7C

Honduras
Cuba

In about [redacted], [redacted] made a trip [redacted] to look into the activities of the [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] denied that he was ever a member of the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (Cuban Revolutionary Party) (PRC) [redacted] This activity was anti-CASTRO in nature [redacted] FELIPE VIDAL. b6 b7C

As to the United States, [redacted] believes that whatever the U. S. fortune is in the Cuban situation, it will also be the fortune of the anti-CASTRO cause. He believes that without U. S. support, Cuban exiles are doomed to failure. [redacted] has criticized U. S. policy in the past, especially U. S. action during the Bay of Pigs invasion where he thought the United States should have taken a stronger position. [redacted] believes in a democratic form of government but is also convinced that the Latin-American people are not b6 b7C

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mature enough politically at this time to make it work. He thus believes that a dictatorship with limited power may be the only solution in Latin-America in the near future.

In Miami, [redacted] has associated with [redacted] [redacted] He also associated with [redacted] who is [redacted] the Bay of Pigs. He does not believe there is any question about the anti-CASTRO sympathies of either of these individuals.

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[redacted] does not know anyone by the name of [redacted] who might also be known as [redacted]

The following description of [redacted] was taken from observation and interview:

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Name:
Sex:
Race:
Date of Birth:
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Height:
Weight:
Build:
Hair:
Eyes:
Complexion:
Peculiarities:

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Occupation:
Marital Status:
Immediate
Relatives:

Cuba

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On March 20, 1964, [redacted], Miami, Florida, advised their file [redacted] contained background information regarding the subject. This record shows that [redacted] first entered the United States [redacted]

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Records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Identification Division show that [redacted], Alien Registration Number [redacted] was fingerprinted by U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, Florida, on [redacted] No FBI Number was assigned.

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Additional confidential informants, all of whom are familiar with certain phases of pro and anti-CASTRO activities in the Miami, Florida area, were contacted with negative results regarding the subject.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Miami, Florida
November 27, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E

Character [redacted]

Reference Report of Special Agent EUGENE L. PAYNE dated and captioned as above at Miami, Florida

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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present other than anti-CASTRO in his political sympathies and/or is engaging in activities inimical to the best interests of the United States.

Inasmuch as the subject has appeared at the Miami Office and has been interviewed and background information has been developed and disseminated, no further investigation appears warranted and this case is being closed.

- INFORMANTS -

Identity	Location
MM T-1 is [redacted]	[redacted]
MM T-2 is [redacted]	
MM T-3 is [redacted]	
MM T-4 is [redacted]	

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Additional confidential informants contacted with negative results are identified as follows:

[redacted] contacted August 14, 1964, by SA [redacted]

PSI [redacted] contacted August 20, 1964, by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted August 20, 1964, by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted November 4, 1964, by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted September 15, 1964, by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted November 4, 1964, by SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER.

[redacted] contacted November 4, 1964, by SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 24 1962

FROM : [redacted] Assistant Attorney General Internal Security Division

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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This refers to your memorandum of May 10, 1962 and also to a memorandum dated April 30, 1962, at Miami, Florida, captioned as above, You requested advice as to whether further investigation is desired concerning the neutrality aspects of this matter.

The memorandum of April 30, 1962 reported that the April 27, 1962 issue of the "Miami Herald" carried an article indicating that military training was being afforded a number of anti-Castro groups in the Miami area and specifically referred to the Christian Youth Front, the Anti-Communist Revolutionary Front, the United Liberation Front and the Comando Cien. The article also related that in groups of twenty or less, these men receive field training in grenades, booby-trapping, blowing up bridges, ruining highways and railroads and disrupting communications. The reporter also described guerilla training in which live ammunition was used with Garand rifles.

Your memorandum of [redacted] indicated that a [redacted] advised [redacted] did not have any interest in the above-mentioned groups.

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While the information submitted fails to reflect sufficient evidence to establish a violation of the neutrality statutes, it would be appreciated if you would furnish to this Division any additional information which may come to your attention regarding the above-mentioned organizations or regarding any of the activities which were the subject of the referenced newspaper article.

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Assistant Attorney General SECRET May 10, 1962

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 30, 1962, at Miami, Florida, in the captioned matter, a copy of which is available to you, which transmitted information appearing in the press and received from informants concerning military training being afforded a number of anti-Castro groups in the Miami area. Representatives of the Christian Youth Front, the Anticommunist Revolutionary Front, the United Liberation Front and the Comando Cien, all anti-Castro organizations, were specifically mentioned as participating in this training.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was not [redacted]

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You are requested to advise whether further investigation is desired concerning the neutrality aspects of the matter.

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2 - Miami [redacted]

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1 - [redacted] (Neutrality Matters)
1 - [redacted] New (Christian Youth Front)
1 - [redacted] New (Anticommunist Revolutionary Front)
1 - [redacted] New (United Liberation Front)
1 - [redacted] New [redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General

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NOTE:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI [redacted] (P)

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RE: [redacted]

please see in [redacted]

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For the information of the Bureau, a report is presently in the process of being typed in the case entitled, [redacted]" (Miami File 66-2652), which will furnish more detailed information concerning military and recruiting activities of that organization.

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Approved: [signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] MM T-1 described the [redacted] (C)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
April 30, 1962

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RE: [redacted]

The April 27, 1962, issue of the "Miami Herald" carried a front-page article entitled, "Exiles Train Again Without U. S. Aid," accompanied by a large photograph bearing the caption, "Cuban Guerrillas Practice Infiltration in Everglades with Live Bullets," by James Buchanan, "Herald" staff writer. This article reflected that there are approximately twenty-two anti-Castro groups undergoing military instruction in the Miami area. It related that in groups of twenty or less, these men receive field training in grenades, booby-trapping, blowing up bridges, ruining highways and railroads, and disrupting communications. The reporter also described guerrilla training in which live ammunition was used with Garand rifles. The article pointed out that while these men train, they still hold jobs and spend nights at home. The reporter mentioned the following as participating in this training:

[redacted] of the Christian Youth Front;

[redacted] Anti-Communist Revolutionary Front;

Filipi Vidal Santiago, of the United Liberation Front; and,

FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO
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[redacted] of the Commando Cien.

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The article mentioned the latter group consists of one hundred commandos, specially recruited and specially trained engineers. The article disclosed, also, that the field training sites change each weekend.

On March 19, 1962, MM T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and [redacted] (C)

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According to MM T-1, [redacted] MM T-1 said that about [redacted] (C)

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On April 3, 1962, MM T-1 advised that [redacted] (C)

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On April 27, 1962, MM T-1 made reference to the above-described newspaper article by James Buchanan. He said that [redacted] (C)

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MM T-1 said that [redacted] is aware of the [redacted] (C)

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On April 30, 1962, MM T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is associated [redacted]

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MM T-2 said that [redacted] Fidel Castro. MM T-2 said that it is also [redacted] (C)

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At the present time, it appears that the activities of the Christian Youth Front, the Anti-Communist Revolutionary Front, the United Liberation Front, and the Comando Cien do not warrant separate investigation because of the minor nature of their individual operations. The latter two organizations, according to MM T-1, [redacted] In the event their activities should assume greater importance, new cases will be opened.

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On 4/27/62, [redacted] Miami, advised that [redacted] (S)

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This office will keep the Bureau advised of any further pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: SEP 24 1962

FROM: SAC, MIAMI [redacted] (P)

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SUBJECT: MARTI CLUB OF TAMPA
OF ANTI-COMMUNIST CUBANS
[redacted]

OO - Tampa

Re Tampa airtel 8/31/62 to Bureau, and Bulet to Tampa 9/12/62.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

Miami will wait until Bureau ascertains if [redacted] FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO before conducting any further investigation.

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A copy of this communication being furnished Jacksonville, inasmuch as Sumter County, Florida, is in that Field Division.

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Director, FBI [redacted]

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MARTI CLUB OF TAMPA
OF ANTI-COMMUNIST CUBANS

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[redacted]

Re Miami let 9/24/62 with enclosure.

[redacted] on 10/5/62 advised that it had no operational interest in Felipe Vidal Santiago.

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1 - [redacted] (Vidal)

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NOTE:

[redacted] information furnished SA [redacted] by [redacted] Miami requested we determine if [redacted] had operational interest in Vidal.

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equipment, used an old gas stove that was on the farm, and was in possession of no boat or airplane that would provide transportation to Cuba. [redacted] said that [redacted] SANTIAGO was back in Miami, had not led this group to Cuba, and this training by these [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida

SEP 24 1962

RE: MARTI CLUB OF TAMPA OF [redacted]

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On September 13, 1962, [redacted] advised he was formerly an industrialist in Cuba, and is presently a Cuban refugee in the United States. [redacted]

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[redacted] Thereafter, FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO, former Commander in the Cuban Navy, and who also served as Naval Attache in Venezuela, arrived at this farm with about seven other Cuban refugees. They arrived in two old cars wearing Army fatigue clothes, and set up a couple tents, explaining that they wanted to get in good physical condition and learn military tactics.

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SANTIAGO was the head of the group. The group offered [redacted] found that the Cubans were shooting two rifles on the property. They were ordered off the farm, and left immediately.

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[redacted] advised the group only trained on the farm [redacted] had a minimum amount of

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI DATE 9/18/63

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE [redacted]-NEW) b3 b6 b7C b7D b7E

SUBJECT [redacted]

(OO:WFO)

On 9/13/63, [redacted] contacted the Resident Agency, Tallahassee, Fla., and furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] gave his current address as [redacted]

[redacted] advised he served with anti-Castro Cuban exile forces [redacted] He stated [redacted] He stated [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7D b7E

[redacted] said that in about [redacted] he received the following information [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7D b7E

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[redacted] advised [redacted]

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Inasmuch as [redacted] is being carried as Origin in this matter and any investigation which may appear logical is being left to the discretion of that office. Copy of this letter being furnished [redacted] if not already done so. A copy of this letter is being furnished [redacted] inquiry is necessary of [redacted]

Miami and WFO advise if informant known to these offices and his reliability as he may again contact this office. It should be noted that the [redacted]

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A Successful Foreign Policy

As a result of *President Eisenhower's* trip to *Latin America* the *U. S.* public has taken a new interest in the problems of the *Hemisphere,* especially in *Latin America* relations with the *United States.*

Certainly we foreigners have no right, legal or moral, to express opinions on internal matters of the *U. S. A.,* but in connection with foreign policy, particularly when the fate of countries south of the *Rio Grande* is at stake, we have more than a right to express an opinion. We have a duty.

We persist in our position, which, unfortunately, to date has not met with a successful reception. A *U. S.* foreign policy on *Latin America* formulated without considering or discussing the opinions of different sectors of the *Latin American* peoples, except the Communists who are honorary citizens of the Soviets, is necessarily condemned to failure. To date this has been the policy of Washington governments, and to persist in this folly, we believe, is a serious error.

To receive and discuss opinions of only those *Latin Americans* who have always faithfully supported *U. S.* foreign policy amounts to the same thing as no consultation at all. We supported the *U. S.* position in the *United Nations* on various occasions to maintain solidarity before the growing Communist threat, positions which at times we considered to be erroneous. At other times we have publicly disagreed, when dealing with problems that directly affect *Latin America,* especially on economic matters.

With respect to economic problems, we should like to remind our readers that years ago we were the first to maintain that the flow of private *American* capital to *Latin America* **could not in itself resolve the problem of economic misery oppressing our peoples.** For a long time our opinion was taken as heresy Now, *President Eisenhower* has recognized the soundness of this position, to judge by the declarations he made in *Puerto Rico* on his return.

To think that only the leftists monopolize the truth, and that *Latin Americans,* of the center or right, who are greater in number, though perhaps not in voice, have no right to express an opinion on problems that affect all of us, is a serious error, and it is going on now. Misfortunes recently suffered have not resulted in any change on the part of those who request opinions and advice from the same persons as always.

We can cite the tragic case of Cuba as the most recent evidence of the errors committed by the so-called liberals. These liberals have the same habit as the Communists of classifying all those who disagree with them as reactionary or unenlightened.

Three leaders of the liberal movement, a movement as yet without a definite creed, were the champions of *Fidel Castro* and his revolution. *Puerto Rican Governor Luis Munoz Marin, Costa Rica's* former *President Figueres,* and the current *President of Venezuela Romulo Betancourt* probably acted from good faith, but they certainly did not respect the principle of non-intervention in the domestic affairs of other states.

Figueres has confessed to having sent airplanes with arms, munitions, and medicines to the *Sierra Maestra* to help *Castro* overthrow a government with which he as *President of Costa Rica* still maintained normal diplomatic relations. *Betancourt* has not made the same confession, but it is well known that *Venezuela* was one of *Castro's* arsenals. *Luis Munoz Marin* did not send arms nor munitions, but he was *Castro's* principal champion in official *Washington* circles.

We do not question the motives of these good men, but it is an evident fact that *Fidel Castro* has turned Cuba into a raging hell and intends to engulf the rest of the Continent in its flames.

These distinguished men of *America,* instead of admitting their error, which has been paid for in blood and wealth, leave the *Cubans* to meet the situation alone without the help of those outsiders who oppose *Castro.* They are paving the way for a substitution of *Castro's Communist* and *anti-U. S.* government by another regime with *Marxist* roots, but, they say, this regime will not be an enemy of the *United States.* All of this without any kind of guarantee that the present situation will not be repeated.

We insist that the least that should be done in adopting a policy that affects the vital interests of a country is to discuss that policy with those persons who are mainly affected by it. *Cuba,* for example, will not be able to resist another flagrant error, nor will Guatemala. Suffering the effects of a mistake is not the same as later lamenting it after the damage is done, as has happened with those who pretend to shape our fortunes without seeking our prior approval.

You cannot ignore a fact of great importance. The *United States* is the **only great hemispheric power.** Her actions, although this may not be the intention, produce a great impact on our peoples and governments. There are always political groups in our countries which use the *U. S.* position for propaganda purposes, and in order to achieve certain ends.

No matter how cautious the policy of *Washington* may be toward *Latin America,* it always affects us. directly or indirectly. Consequently, we believe that such policies should not be adopted before making a conscientious and thorough examination of the situation. The policy should not consist in solely reacting [redacted] mmated.

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★ *Latin American Events* is in receipt of confidential reports to the effect that preparations are going on in *Panama* for a revolution preceded by attempts against the lives of outstanding political figures, including those of the government party and the opposition also.

Secret negotiations are being carried out in the *U.S.A.* to purchase arms for use in assassinations and revolution.

LONDON, Feb. 15th—A *British* newspaper says today that "it is possible that the new sugar deal with *Russia* will provoke Cuba into feeling sufficiently strong to request the *U.S.A.* to abandon its military base at Guantanamo.

"From this base the *United States* protects the entry to the *Panama Canal,*" said the *Daily Express,* an independent daily.

"If the United States behaves as they required Great Britain to behave in Abadan and in the case of the Suez Canal, then the Americans would quit Guantanamo. But the British people hope that the Americans will not do such a thing."

Earmarks of a Communist Regime—*from page one*

12. *Planned Economy.* The President of the National Bank and Czar of the Cuban economy, *Che Guevara,* has officially declared that planned economy by the government is the official policy of the regime. *The National Institute of Agrarian Reform* rules the *Cuban* economy, a state organ that monopolizes the entire production of the country.

13. *Terrorism.* The state of terror prevailing in *Cuba* cannot be denied by anyone. Not one Cuban dares to disagree with the government. Anyone trying to do so is taken to jail or shot.

14. *Restrictions on Entering and Leaving the Country.* Since *Castro* took over, no one can leave *Cuba* without a permit from the police, something very difficult to obtain. Foreigners departing *Cuba* are prevented from re-entering. Cuban consuls refuse passports to those in exile.

15. *Omnipotence of the Political Police. Castro* has declared that he organized the political police to protect the revolution from its enemies. Over TV, he ordered children to denounce their parents, spouses to denounce each other, employees to report their employers whenever any of them criticized the revolution. To break into homes, the political police needs no warrants, as would be required in accordance with laws promulgated by the revolutionary government. The police break into the homes of Cubans and foreigners at all hours of the night. And the right of *habeas corpus* does not prevail against the *gestapo.*

16. *Abolition of the right to strike.* The revolutionary government of *Castro* has dictated laws prohibiting the right to strike. Workers resorting to strikes are declared to be criminals and treated accordingly.

17. *Medieval penal laws.* The criminal law promulgated by *Castro* is the most backward in the world to-day. Suffice it to cite the constitutional law concept, written by *Castro*; that the criminal laws have retroactive effect when against the interests of the accused. Also authorized are criminal trials with the defendant *in absentia.* Many *Cubans* have been sentenced to death and executed for crimes which were not crimes when they occurred. We should add that the slightest criticism of the government is punished by death or incarceration.

18. *Creation of Popular Militias.* It is enough to look at the photographs appearing in U. S. papers and magazines to realize that ten year old children belong to the militia. By provision of law, workers, farmers, professionals, students, teachers, public and private employees, and even women belong to the militia. By another law, workers and union leaders must always wear militia uniforms—not even in Russia does such a situation exist.

19. *Dogmatic Doctrines.* The government and its spokesmen have made dogma of the *July 26th Movement* and the speeches of *Castro.* They have even tried to picture *Fidel Castro* as a modern *Jesus Christ,* but with a new politico-social dogma.

20. *Messianic Foreign Policy.* The armed invasions into the sister republics of America, *Panama, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala,* and twice against the *Dominican Republic,* organized personally by Castro on the pretext of freeing the people from oppression, is the best proof of the existence of this condition. The behavior of *Raul Roa,* well-known Communist leader and Minister of Foreign Affairs, in international meetings and conferences, has evidenced the messianic policy of the *Castro* regime, provoking outbursts of laughter and at times indignation. Read *Castro's* speech to the *Inter-American Economic Conference at Buenos Aires* for further illustration of this point.

21. *Concentration Camps.* In la *Cienaga de Zapata* exists a concentration camp and another in the *Isle of Pines,* where political prisoners are forced to labor from sunup to sundown. In these camps are found professionals, ex-army officers, bankers, such as *Dr. Joaquin Martinez Saenz,* eminent *ex-President* of the *National Bank of Cuba,* and various newspapermen. All of this has been reported in the press of the U.S.A. and *Latin America.*

In view of these facts, which are not denied by Fidel Castro, the *Cuban* picture is seen in a light very different from the rest of the Hemisphere. We are not dealing here with a typical Latin American revolution, nor with a social revolution of any scope.

Here we have for the first time in America the establishment of a *"Popular Democratic Republic"* in the heart of the continent, dedicated to the service of *Moscow* and *Peking.* This event has been foreseen by many inter-American doctrines, declarations and treaties, all of which declare that such a situation constitutes a grave threat to the security of all the nations of the *Western Hemisphere.*

If in the case of *Cuba* the Governments of America and particularly the *Leader Nation of the Hemisphere, the United States,* do not comply with their obligations, if they change their announced policy and consider that the existence of a Communist regime does not represent a threat to the security of the Hemisphere, upon those Governments then will responsibility fall for what may happen.

Take notice, when International Communism has spread to other countries in *America* and regimes similar to that of *Cuba* are established, which will surely occur, if then defensive measures are taken, it will be too late. They will have lost the legal right and the moral authority to put the measures into practice. When legal right and moral authority are lost, no matter how much force is expended, the result will always be unfavorable.

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GUATEMALA—*Guatemalan President Miguel Ydigoras* declared to the press that Red propaganda in the Caribbean region "emanates from Cuba."

He insisted that the Communist propaganda reaching *Guatemala* came from *Cuba,* and added, "Left-wing politicians of the Central American countries travel to Cuba and return with Communist assignments." He indicated that an exchange of Red agents and propaganda between Cuba and his country has existed since the regime of Cuba's Carlos Prio Socarras.

We have already denounced the existence of this Red propaganda in Guatemala.

CUBA—In addition to the *Moa Bay* properties confiscated by the Communist regime of Fidel Castro, the following U. S. properties must be added to the list: The *Cuban Telephone Company,* a subsidiary of *International Telephone and Telegraph Co.; The Otis Elevator Co.;* the 59,000 acre *King Ranch* in Camaguey Province; the *Everhard Ranch* holdings in Pinar del Rio province; the *Riviera Hotel Corp.* in Havana; and the *Vertientes-Camaguey Sugar Co.*

In addition to these interventions, there have been reports of several other small U. S. holdings falling into the hands of *INRA.* Because of its method of operation, the exact number of *INRA* moves is difficult to obtain. Consequently to escape from the confiscation and intervention problems, several large U. S. and other foreign interests have decided to pull out of *Cuba.*

Bethlehem Steel, for example, has held 125,000 acres of low grade iron ore in *Camaguey* and *Oriente* provinces. It has been operating a pilot plant in Oriente employing about 200 Cubans. Bethlehem has decided to drop its concessions.

The petroleum exploration branches of *Atlantic Refinery Standard Oil of California* and the *Cuban Gulf Oil Co.,* a subsidiary of *Gulf Oil,* have withdrawn their activities from Cuba.

Esso Standard, S.A., is shifting its *Caribbean* and *Central American* operations executives from Havana to Coral Gables.

The *M & M Dredging Co.,* of *Miami,* lost a dredge and a tugboat to the Castro grabbers last year. The equipment was valued at $500,000.

The Government has confiscated the 40 million dollar industrial empire of *Amadeo Barletta,* an Italian national. Among these holdings, which include the newspaper *"El Mundo"* and its sister television station, was Cuba's largest motor car agency. The U. S. is interested in this because *Barletta* was the *General Motors* distributor in *Cuba.*

The *INRA* has publicly served notice that as soon as the present sugar harvest is completed in the spring, it will begin taking over all the sugar fields and facilities, including those owned or controlled by *American* companies.

About one third of *Cuba's* sugar lands are owned by U. S. interests. They account for about 35% of Cuba's sugar crop, including mills, which certainly stand to be nationalized. *U. S.* investments in the Cuban sugar bowl is valued at about 350 million dollars.

United Fruit Co. officials stated recently that they believe their holdings, valued at 32 million dollars, will be expropriated in a matter of days.

Recently the *West Indies Sugar Co.,* by decision of its shareholders, decided to liquidate its *Cuban* holdings, which include 4 mills and more than 246,000 acres of sugar cane fields.

The *Freeport Nickel Company* is pulling out of Cuba. The company which was investing 119 million dollars and employing some 1,500 Cubans in its mining project at *Bahia de Moa,* in Oriente Province, announced on March 7th that it would abandon *Cuba.* The company declared that the new *Cuban* mining legislation "as well as other recent *Cuban events*" had made it necessary to suspend operations and the company added that the *Moa project* would have afforded employment to over a thousand Cubans when in full production and it would have been one of the largest contributors to the *Cuban* treasury.

Also in jeopardy is the U. S. Government *Nicaro* nickel refinery, operated by *National Lead.* The *U. S.* built *Nicaro* to relieve the nickel shortage during World War II and has been trying to sell it in recent months.

★ Via our confidential channels of information we have just received a report of a luncheon held at the *Presidential Palace* in *Havana* recently. Among those who attended were the *puppet-President Dorticos* and the *Castro* brothers.

During the lunch, *Raul Castro* remarked that it was time to confiscate all of the property belonging to the *Italian Amadeo Barletta,* especially the newspaper *"El Mundo."* He added that he was going to send *Barletta* to prison.

Fidel said that he agreed on the confiscation but that it was not advisable to arrest *Barletta* because the *Italian Embassy* would protest. *Raul* replied that *Barletta* should be imprisoned and when the *Italian Ambassador* protested they would let him go and he would be most obliged. In effect, in just a few minutes at lunch, one of the largest fortunes in *Cuba* was disposed of and one of the oldest independent newspapers in *Cuba* was taken over.

At this luncheon, *Fidel Castro* asked for reports on the status of sugar legislation in the U. S. He was informed that the *U. S. Congress* would surely reduce the sugar quota or take the difference between the *U. S.* and *Russian* prices to compensate those *U. S.* citizens whose property had been confiscated without indemnification.

Castro ordered that no gestures be made toward the *Congress* inasmuch as he had his plan of reprisals against the U. S. ready in case Washington passed measures against the economic interests of his government.

One of his assistants at the luncheon remarked that it was very difficult to negotiate with the *government of the United States* as long as *Fidel Castro* was *Premier of Cuba* since *Washington* officials had lost confidence in him.

Castro's reaction to this was to stand up in fury, break and throw plates, knives and forks, and scream that he was going to break off diplomatic relations with the *U. S. A.,* that he was ready to resort to a declaration of war, that he had nothing to fear inasmuch as he was

strongly backed by "two great friendly powers," and that he proposed to convoke a mass meeting of two million *Cubans* for the purpose of announcing his break with the *United States*.

On March 14th, this great mass meeting took place. Not even the five thousand person capacity of the University of Havana Hall was filled. Those who did attend came armed. There *Premier Castro* delivered a bitter harangue against the *U. S.* and told *Cubans* they would have to prepare themselves for a "long struggle" against economic subversion and "aggression from abroad."

He told his countrymen they must tighten their belts and get used to the idea of spending millions of dollars on arms to save *Cuba* from the "powerful interests" threatening it.

Comparing *Cuba* with the *Algerian* nationalists in their five-year-old war against the French, the *Premier* declared: "For those interested in knowing, we can say we have more arms than the Algerian patriots." The national symbol of Cuba at this moment, he said, should be "a man working with a rifle at his side. We can neither abandon the rifle nor our work."

In one of his direct references to the *U. S.*, he accused the "United States executive" of using the sugar quota as a means of reprisal, one Cuba would have a difficult time defending when its economy is "being mended."

Castro's bitter attack killed hopes that he had any intention of toning down his charges in connection with *La Coubre* in light of the critical diplomatic situation which they have provoked with the U. S. A new *State Department* note was in the hands of the U. S. Charge D'Affairs in Havana, Daniel Braddock, but delivery was held up, presumably while officials waited to learn the nature of Castro's speech.

★ Che Guevara, in spite of his labor at the National Bank, maintains his military rank and continues to command in the rebel army. He is personally organizing an army of 500 men composed of Communists from all parts of the world to invade *Nicaragua* and take over the government of that country. Arms have been received in Cuba from *Czechoslovakia*.

★ As happens everyday, on March 12th, three U.S. citizens, one of them a candidate for *Congress*, were seized by *Cuban* police and held for ten hours of questioning before their release. *John R. Taylor*, 28, a candidate for Congress of *Stillwater, Oklahoma*, *Roger Sharp*, news director of TV station *KOTV* in *Tulsa, Oklahoma*, and *Ralph Sanders*, a reporter-photographer of the same station, were arrested while *Sharp* was taking pictures inside the *Agrarian Reform Program Building*, in *Havana*.

Sharp said police came to their hotel room. They routed the men from bed, searched their luggage and seized 3,000 feet of exposed and unexposed movie camera film. A few hours after release of the Americans, *Castro* charged that **some people in the United States Government—some senators and some generals would like to invade Cuba.**

★ While anti-U.S. propaganda was being fanned in Cuba, Castro's government signed two more commercial agreements, one with *East Germany* and the other with *Poland*. Details of these pacts have not yet been revealed, but they will undoubtedly follow the lines of the Mikoyan-Castro Pact.

★ **HAVANA**, March 12—Cuba indicated today it was rewriting the Spanish-American War. United States—baiting commentator and well-known Communist, *Jose Pardo Llada*, said he would produce "secret documents" Monday to prove the *United States* was the guilty party in the sinking of the *Maine* in *Havana* harbor.

He said the *Spanish-American War* was a "shameful period" and that he would make disclosures on the history of the war that gave Cuba its independence, to show *Americans* were not this nation's liberators.

★ Thru our secret information sources we have been informed from Havana that ***Fidel Castro has decided to purchase the daily "La Prensa" of New York,* for an amount of $250,000 taken from the funds assigned to the Agrarian Reform.** In the purchase intervene a lady and a military officer, Spaniards both of them, and well known communists. In case the operation succeeds the communists would have two dailies in New York, one in English, The Daily Worker, and the other in Spanish, La Prensa.

★ When we reported to our readers that *Fidel Castro* was acquiring arms everywhere principally from behind the Iron Curtain, many people smiled at this, believing that our indications were exaggerated. The heedless smiled, those who play along with the Reds and believe them incapable of any machination against the remaining free peoples.

Well, now it has been made public that *Fidel Castro* has spent in just one year, 150 million dollars in armaments. Newspapers report that "one of the biggest arms purchases by *Cuba* has been an estimated 25,000 automatic rifles from a Belgian firm.

"The rifles are of a new type being adopted by *North Atlantic Treaty Organization* forces including the United States.

"The Castro forces have more of these ultra-modern infantry rifles today than the United States.

★ From Rome, the *Continentale News Agency* reports that *Czechoslovakia* has offered for sale a squadron of Mig-17 jet fighters, at prices noticeably lower than the *British Hawker-Hunter* fighters.

★ In *Havana*, according to our confidential sources, it is said that *Fidel Castro* has sent an emissary to U.S. Red leaders to ask them and fellow-travelers and Communists unknown as such, use every tactic possible to forestall U.S. efforts to have the *Organization of American States* dislodge the *Castro* regime imposed upon the Cuban people, and to also combat *U.S.* unilateral action toward this end.

Fidel Castro informed his American comrades that if he could remain in power for at least a few more months, he would leave the country in such a condition that he would consider his mission accomplished, and that he would then seek asylum in *Moscow* or *Prague*.

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Rather, it should try to anticipate those acts and be guided by an elevated spirit of hemispheric solidarity.

Of course, we agree that in this day and age the interdependence of states and governments is a phenomena that cannot be ignored. If this is so in the world, certainly it is also true for the *Americas*. That is why in previous editions of *Latin American Events* we have always called for the establishment of a special *U. S.* governmental body composed exclusively of American citizens which will freely advise the *Washington Government* on policy that should be followed in concrete cases as well as along general lines in connection with *Latin America*. This body could also serve to receive and analyze the opinions of representatives of all sectors of the peoples to be affected. This would show that policy is not made indifferently or precipitously or without proper consultation.

In dealing with sister republics united by geographic and economic ties, it seems evident to us that it would be preferable for the different peoples of America to be assured that the foreign policy of the *United States*, the leader Nation, is taken in an efficient manner rather than to have them constantly ask, who decided on this policy and who was consulted.

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Economic Situation of Red Cuba

The Communists are flying high in *Cuba*. Never before have they held so much power, as Red boss *Juan Marinello* recently remarked over TV. Intellectual and moral corruption, and blindness in some cases, on the part of many people, above all of the upper and middle classes, have carried Cuba to its present desperate condition.

When it all began at the dawn of last year, ***no one wanted to realize that the Red rain would eventually splatter every head in the world.*** They imagined that it would never rain for them or that in time they would have protective umbrellas. And so they viewed agrarian reform, the problem of housing and rents, the rise of the "people's stores," owned by the Government and ruinous to the small businessman of the interior, the first confiscations, etc. Fortunately, the world sees a bit clearer today.

The world notes that this is the same procedure followed in *China, Poland, Albania, Hungary*, to proceed step by step, sector by sector, dividing ***and deceiving future corpses so that their political or economic fate hits them by surprise and they cannot even protest.***

Havana, and about this the U.S. public is not informed, is flooded with Red literature, not only in bookstores, but on cornerstands. U.S. cigarettes aren't sold any longer. The trade is with Russian ones.

A new international labor movement is being formed to combat "ORIT" of Mexico.

Also under way is the organization of a new international order of newspapermen, and the groundwork is being laid for a new international organization of engineers. Other similar enterprises in professional ranks are being prepared. Step by step, sector by sector, the forces of penetration are on the move. Hemispheric expansion with headquarters in Havana.

Cuba is on the verge of an explosion, economically. And it should be noted that this explosion will not take the responsible officials of *Castro's Red Regime*, by surprise. Rather, they wait for it anxiously, to take full advantage of its dramatic consequences. The legal framework is already established. All that remains is to put the crushing machinery into operation, to increase police oppression and to destroy the last veils of democracy that still cover the convulsive body of Cuba today.

If unemployment increases, the fault will be the U.S.'s. If the currency becomes deflated, prices rise and salaries are cut, the culprit will be Yankee imperialism. If mass layoffs result from the consequent bankruptcies it will be Uncle Sam's doing. If rationing follows, the U.S. will be to blame.

If as recently happened, a French munitions ship explodes in Havana harbor, with a French crew, loaded with arms from Belgium, unloaded by Castro's soldiers, the fault is Washington's, for refusing to sell American arms to Castro, as claimed by Communist spokesmen in Cuba. And so the niggardly, expensive assistance afforded by the Communist countries will be presented to the public as "God's blessing." Proof of big-hearted *Moscow* compared to the spiritual cruelty of *Washington*.

Manwhile in *Cuba* statistics and information outlets are being closed. The *National Bank* could not or would not reveal the national income for 1959, faced as it was with the 2,174 million dollars of 1958 and the 2,319 millions of 1957. The Treasury Minister is **button-lipped.** The *National Economic Council* no longer **publishes** "indications of economic life" nor wholesale **price indexes.** Nor does the *Agriculture Minister publish index numbers* to food costs. The *Labor Minister* has suspended release of the "cost of living," or family budgets. Nothing remains but to accept the official demagogy proclaimed daily.

In spite of the absence of official information it is a fact that the *National Bank* is practically operating below reserve requirements. On opening the year, nominally, on paper, they had 295 million dollars in gold and dollars. But actually the Bank only had 20 million dollars in reserve, the sum of $262,346,991 being obligated since 1957/58 plus $12,500,386.36, which is the contribution of *Cuba* to the *International Monetary Fund*.

In accordance with Article 65 of the law establishing the *National Bank*, the Bank is obligated to have at all times a reserve (in gold or foreign exchange) equivalent to no less than 25% of the nominal value of the bills issued, and another 25% extra to back up the deposits in the Bank. Inasmuch as in the first case there are 450 million dollars in bills issued the Bank should have 112 millions of cash reserves. Regarding the second case, the Bank should have 62 millions to back up deposits totaling 250 millions—that is to say, a total of 174 millions. Not having more than 20 million, the Bank has a total deficit of 154 millions.

Countries which had to face this situation sooner or later fell victim to inflation and monetary devaluation. The *Communist Government of Cuba is trying* to avoid this danger, at least from the viewpoint of external repercussion. Not one Cuban peso can depart the national area—***thereby promoting the strangulation of great sectors of commerce and industry.*** But at the same time they have prevented mass layoffs by a law suspending bankruptcy (the right to die), which amounts to state intervention in private business.

Since a majority of Cuban enterprises today are unable to pay their way or are operating under deficits, the National Institute of Agrarian Reform lends them the amounts required for payrolls. Cuba is developing a method of systematic allowances and subsidies the amounts of which increase in proportion to the number of firms affected by the exchange control, the scarcity of foreign exchange and the strict regulation

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PANAMA—General elections will take place in the Republic of Panama on the 8th of May. The President, two Vice-presidents and Deputies to the National Legislature will be elected and will take the oath of office on October 1st.

The candidate of the political forces supporting *President Ernesto de la Guardia* is *Ricardo M. Arias*. The other candidates, Roberto F. Chiari, Alfredo Aleman, Mario Cal, Carlos Suere and Victor Florencio Goytia, belong to the parties of the opposition.

In accordance with the *Panamanian* electoral law there is still time remaining for the opposition to present a single slate of candidates. With the opposition divided as it is, Arias has a definite advantage. If the different candidates against the Government get together, the elections will be hard-fought and no one could predict the results.

As we pointed out in our last issue, certain elements not connected with the political opposition are preparing a subversive movement, with ramifications that will extend to other countries, to take over the government without benefit of elections.

MEXICO—In *Latin American Events* of December 21, 1959, we reported that local and foreign Communists are preparing subversive efforts to grab political power, in spite of the fact that Mexico is a great power compared with the rest of the Caribbean area and has maintained political stability for many years.

Last week the highly reputed daily EL UNIVERSAL, of Mexico City, published an editorial entitled "Maximum Energy," from which we quote the following paragraphs:

"In view of the possibility indicated by different sources, who appear to be well informed, that in March and April acts of provocation will be taken against the government by the Mexican Communist Party and other similar groups, which will seriously upset social tranquility, no other recommendation can be made than that the authorities act with maximum energy, using all of their powers and means to comply with their greatest obligation—safeguarding public order and guaranteeing a peaceful co-existence of the people.

"In a national health crusade weeds must be pulled out with a firm hand, wherever they may be found, beginning with those leaders who surreptitiously conspire with the great demagogues to take over the worker's movement, step by step, for their own personal gain."

★ Last week *Mexico City* witnessed the arrival of a committee of young Cubans belonging to the *Anti-Communist Catholic Action Association* presided over by ex-rebel Lieutenant *Artime*, who was with Fidel Castro in the Sierra Maestra and who is now in open disagreement with him, accusing *Castro* of being a traitor to the cause of freedom in Cuba and to the democratic revolutionary movement.

They established contact with similar Mexican Catholic groups in an anti-Communist crusade to remove from the *Cuban Government* all officials who have sold out to the Russians. They intend to visit, in the course of their campaign, all of the major capitals and cities of America.

★ *The Cuban Embassy in Mexico* has been converted into a center of Marxist propaganda, which has out-distanced the Russian diplomats accredited to the Mexican Government.

Active members of the G.P.U. have set up headquarters in the building occupied by the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, such as the painter *Alfaro Siqueiros*—assailant of Trotsky's home and murderer of Trotsky's American secretary. There *Siqueiros* has established his shop.

He has painted a Castro Mural on great sheets, to be put together at any spot. They were sent to *Brazil, Argentina, Chile* and *Uruguay*, key spots of Communist agitation, and hosts to U.S. *President Eisenhower* during his recent trip through Latin America.

The man in charge of the *Cuban Embassy* is an illiterate braggart, *Agustin Aldama Acosta*, by name. In spite of not being able to read or write, he has been accredited as the *Economic Adviser* of the *Embassy*. *Aldama*, with *Joaquin Massip*, nephew of the *Cuban Communist Ambassador*, and four other bearded barbarians who departed Havana, were the ones commissioned to carry the Castro mural painted by Siqueiros, to Brazil and other countries, for the purpose of street agitation, which actually took place in the four capitals, in an effort to embarass the U.S. President.

Alfaro Siqueiros fled *Mexico* for *Cuba*, fearing the police as a result of certain public utterances insulting and calumniating *President Lopez Mateos*.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—The non-aggression pact entered into by *General Trujillo* and *Fidel Castro* is functioning perfectly well. On March 3rd, a Cuban military court sentenced 38 soldiers of the *Rebel Army* for preparing an expedition against the *Dominican Republic*. Two men were condemned to 18 months of prison and the others to 1 year.

Cuban authorities discovered the intended expedition on February 17th, in *Mariel Port*, 20 miles from *Havana*.

The Havana radios no longer attack the *Dominican Government*, nor does the *Cuban* government press. *Radio Ciudad Trujillo* continues to attack the Castro opposition in insulting and vulgar language. *Fidel Castro* has received ample guarantees to the effect that no invading force will set out from *Dominican* territory against *Cuba*.

UNITED STATES—One of the most popular radio commentators of the U.S., Fulton Lewis, on March 2, revealed some very interesting information, as follows:

"*The Huzzas attending President Eisenhower's trip* muffle a significant and ominous development now beginning in *Latin America*—the formation of Communist-led "volunteer" armies.

"The gong was struck in *Chile* last week. In a speech, *Elias Lafertte*, head of the *Chilean Communist Party* announced plans for sending a shipload of communist volunteers to Cuba to aid the "barbudos," the bearded ones.

"*Lafertte* charged that sugar plantations are daily set afire by "imperialist" air attacks geared to weaken the *Cuban* economy and to compel *Castro* to bow to the "imperialist" demands. The *Chilean* volunteer army for the "defense" of Cuba will be led by active members of the *Chilean Communist Party*, the army's vanguard.

"The public disclosure of a planned volunteer army follows a visit to *Chile* by *Fidel Castro's* brother *Raul*, and *Raul's* wife, *Vilma*, a fanatical and self-professed Communist. South-of-the-border communism is not a *Cuban* problem alone but a *Latin American* problem. The formation of a *Chilean* communist volunteer army sets the new pattern for all *Latin America*."

We have on numerous occasions called attention to the imminent danger facing all of *Latin America*, of falling into the grip of international Communism. As long as it is deemed necessary to see a man's party card in order to believe him a Communist, the same party card that has not been used by the Reds for over 20 years now, it will not be possible to effectively combat this menace which becomes stronger as each day passes, a menace which threatens all of *America*, especially the *United States*. *U.S. Reds* and fellow travelers have dedicated themselves to the task of keeping the public unaware of this danger, and unfortunately, it seems as if they are doing a good job.

CUBA—Friday, March 4th. A French freighter, "La Coubre" exploded in *Havana* harbor. Soldiers of the *Cuban Revolutionary Army* were unloading arms and explosives acquired by the Cuban government in *Belgium*—*Belgium*, which is ruled by a constitutional monarchy and which belongs to NATO which was organized precisely to prevent the *Soviet Union* from overtaking and enslaving the rest of the world.

The Havana government exaggerately reported that **75 deaths** and from 206 to 345 injured men resulted from the **explosion.** The *U.S. State Department* immediately sent a cable of **condolence** to the government and people of Cuba and offered whatever help it could.

Honestly, we believe that the fundamental error, unbelievable perhaps, but clear to those of us who study the facts, consists in not wanting to make public the fact that in *Cuba* you have a Communist regime completely at the orders of *Moscow* and *Peking*. Why this reluctance, we do not know.

Naturally, *Cuba* is not dealt with as a Communist state. Instead, *Castro's Cuba* offers are taken in good faith, and in every case facts have later shown that the danger and menace presented by Castro have not been critically appraised. This gives off an air of ignorance—very disturbing to the anti-Communists of *Latin America*.

How did *Fidel Castro* reply to the courteous message of condolence? By accusing the U.S. of having caused the explosion and charging the U.S. with responsibility for the dead and wounded, so *Castro* spoke at the burial of the victims.

The *U.S.* press reported on only a small part of the oration which we heard over the radio. It was the most insulting speech which *Castro* has ever hurled at the *United States* and its government.

When a Communist such as *Fidel Castro* delivers a speech of this kind it seems to us that if responsible officials in the *State Department* do not study it with extreme care after requesting the complete text—it seems to us that this amounts to imprudence, to say the least.

Castro not only declared that he was not afraid of aggression on the part of U.S. troops but that he knew how to repel such an invasion. He also said that he counted on the means of withstanding an atomic attack. Some will call this idle boasting. But if true, how certain is the future of America with a man of *Castro's* immorality armed to the teeth?

The *State Department*, always on the defensive when dealing with *Castro* denied the accusations contained in the funeral oration. The *Department* could have added that all *Cubans* know that a munitions ship is never unloaded at general freight piers. A special one is used, or the unloading is carried out in the center of the bay through the use of barges. And all *Cuba* knows, except perhaps the Communists, that it was a failure to take these normal precautions that resulted in the accident, not sabotage.

At any rate, the disillusioned victims of the astute *U.S. Reds* and fellow-travelers who thought that Castro had changed his position and would negotiate honestly with the Washington Government will have to wait for another Castro maneuver in order to return to limbo.

★ **UNITED STATES**—*Secretary of State, Christian Herter,* on March 7, denounced as "BASELESS" the implied charge of Cuban Premier *Fidel Castro* that United States officials were behind the recent explosion of a munition ship in Havana Harbor.

Herter told Cuban Charge D'Affairs Enrique Patterson, that Castro's "UNFOUNDED AND IRRESPONSIBLE" remarks have made the United States *"increasingly obligated to question the good faith of the Castro regime in its claims of wishing to improve U.S.-Cuban relations."*

Once more the facts prove us right. Until the fact is not accepted that there is in Cuba a regime definitely Communist, at the unconditional service of Moscow and Peking, they will go on making mistakes.

Fidel Castro, when he made his accusation against the *United States,* was convinced that it was false. To ignore that this is the way communists act all over the world is an imprudence.

Comrade Raul Roa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, called to his office the *U.S. Charge D'Affairs* in Havana and told him that: the Government of Castro rejected as insulting the declarations of *Secretary Herter* **and warned him that in the future they should not insult a Cuban diplomatic official, because Cuba would not tolerate it."**

★ **HAVANA**—March 3. *Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Fidel Castro's* chief economic adviser, asserted last night that the 3 million tons of *Cuban* sugar that the U.S. buys at prices well above those on the world market, ***serves to enslave the Cuban people,*** because of the Island's one-crop economy.

Maj. *Guevara,* Communist and President of *Cuba's National Bank,* charged before a nation-wide television audience that U.S. businessmen had made Cuba dependent on sugar and had kept the country in a "semi-colonial" state until the *Castro* revolution.

The bearded major, an outspoken admirer of the *Soviet Union,* said U.S. representatives tried to "sow confusion" after *Cuba* signed a trade pact with the Soviet Union. This pact calls for Cuba to sell a million tons of sugar a year at the world market price, which is now about a cent a pound below the cost of production in Cuba.

Describing ***Castro Cuba as the political leader of the Latin American masses,*** Maj. Guevara said:

"We have arrived at the highest place in unfreed America in regard to political projection. But we know perfectly well our political development has greatly outstripped our economic development and therefore attempts at economic aggression that are being plotted in the U. S. House of Representatives can have an effect, because we depend on one product and one market."

★ *Fidel Castro* declared that any foreign capital reaching Cuba would have to be turned over to the nation for investment according to the way the Government ordered. *Castro* attacked foreign capital in a speech given at the Blanquita theatre in Havana, before an audience of 7,000 workers.

The investment of private foreign capital, he said, is not motivated by generosity, charity or a desire to aid the people. Foreign capital is invested to profit the investors.

Foreign investors, especially *Americans,* added *Castro,* establish conditions to increase their profits and carry them away, thus draining the juice of the country.

★ *Cuban* historic treasure of gold and silver will be soon on its way to *Moscow,* according to Lawrence Sullivan, coordinator of information for the *U.S. House of Representatives.*

Sullivan likened the role played by *Maj. Ernesto Guevara* in the Cuban economy, to that of *Francisco Mendez Aspe,* the *Soviet* agent in charge of *Spain's* national banking system during the *Spanish* revolution. Under *Aspe's* direction the wealth of *Spain* was systematically plundered and then transferred to *Soviet Russia.*

Sullivan stressed the significance of the appointment of *Guevara* to membership in the new *Central Planning Board* which controls all private enterprise in *Cuba.*

★ The Government of Cuba has taken over the hiring and firing of employees of private industry and has required that in the future private enterprises will need the approval of the *Ministry of Labor* before taking on new help or dismissing the old. Labor Minister, *Augusto Martinez Sanchez,* outstanding dues-paying Communist said, ***"no one may be dismissed nor hired in private enterprise without the authorization and approval of the Ministry.***

★ On February 28, to keep in practice, authorities arrested *Walter Fisher,* a U.S. citizen living on the *Isle of Pines.* Fisher on returning from a trip to *Florida,* found that his house had been ransacked during his absence, and on reporting the incident, instead of taking action against the culprits, the police arrested Fisher as an *American;* and to date he has not been released from the Island of Pines jail.

★ The *United States* is contributing an estimated $249,000 in military assistance to *Premier Fidel Castro's Cuba* during the current fiscal year, to train six *Cuban* cadets at the U.S. Naval Air Station in *Corpus Christi, Texas.*

Castro Cuba will be the first country in the world to have pilots trained both in the U.S., 6 of them, and in the Soviet Union and satellites, about 50 to 100. To listen to *Castro,* pilots trained in the United States will be used to kill citizens of the *United States.*

★ The union of domestic employees agreed that each one of their members will donate one peso a month to the industrialization of Cuba. Union members in industry with fixed salaries are contributing to the plan of industrialization at the rate of 4% of their respective salaries. The worker in any union who does not contribute to a Government collection automatically loses his job and is sentenced to prison as counterrevolutionary.

★ In the early days of January 1959, the *Castro Government* engaged the public account firm of *Manrara y Perez Daple,* of Havana, to investigate the use of funds in the *Cuban Confederation of Labor.* Castro wanted to show that the union's funds had been misapplied, inasmuch as this was his principal line of propaganda among the workers.

The report issued by the accountants engaged by the *Castro Government* reveals that the funds had been invested correctly and it approved the measures taken by the financial secretary of the Union.

We report this fact in tribute to the *ex-Secretary General of the Confederation, Eusebio Mujal,* who has been the object of ridicule and calumny by *Castro's* Red cohorts. Non-Communist *Cuban* workers remember *Mujal* with admiration and affection.

★ From Cuba via secret channels we have received a letter that asks the following question: How can U.S. officials pleasantly proclaim a thousand and one times that Castro and the members of his Government are not Communists and that the Government is not a totalitarian regime since facts, as revealed authoritatively in *Latin American Events* since its first issue speak louder than words? Our answer: The wise can be corrected, and the sooner the better.

★ *U.S. News and World Report* in its March 7th edition gives a complete description of how U.S. citizen *J. F. Everhard* was stripped of all his property without a cent of compensation. Everhard worked in Cuba for over 25 years. The value of his holdings amounted to 2 million dollars, and he declares now, after the expropriation, that he is not able to support himself nor family.

There are hundreds of similar *U.S.* citizens and thousands of *Cubans* who have not been able to lay their cases before the U.S. public opinion. The same is true for the 20,000 Cuban political prisoners who are ignored by those who champion human rights in other parts of the world, but who do not dare to criticize *Fidel Castro.*

Disturbing Situation in the United Nations

In a previous issue of *Latin American Events,* we commented on Cuba's vote of abstention on the question of the admission of Red China to the United Nations, which split the continental solidarity of the Latin Bloc. We warned that the bloc was cracking as the result of the Communist Government of Castro Cuba which is at the unconditional orders of Moscow and Peking.

Our warning was not taken seriously. The distinguished *Latin American* and *U. S.* diplomats at the world organization considered our admonishment to be exaggerated and unrealistic. As we always do in such cases, we kept silent, knowing that the facts would support our contention.

Ever since the *U.N.* was organized, the *Latin American bloc* has counted on two positions in the *Security Council,* two in *Trustee Administration* and four in the *Economic and Social Council.* These positions are given in accordance with agreement within the *Latin American* bloc. When the bloc decided on its position it was communicated to the other member states and election was a matter of course.

Chile announced its candidacy for the seat to be vacated by *Argentina* on the *Security Council* on December 31st of this year. This aspiration was communicated to the other Latin American governments for a joint decision to be taken by the group, as they had always done in the past.

Chile forgot two very important facts. First, that a Communist government exists in *Cuba.* Second, during *Mikoyan's* visit to *Havana* he and *Castro* agreed on maintaining closer political relationships, particularly in the international field.

Now *Cuba* has announced that it aspires to the same seat requested by *Chile.* They have a right to do this, but they have adopted a tactic, Communist style, that not only ignores long-established customs but which also tends to destroy the Latin American bloc.

Cuba has asked for the votes, not of the remaining 19 *Latin American* states, but of *all* the member states. This procedure knocks out the effectiveness of the Latin American bloc and will result in this bloc being dependent upon the *Soviet* and *Afro-Asiatic* groups which will consequently not only elect its own representatives but will also decide who will be the representatives of *Latin America* on the *Security Council* and in the *General Assembly,* thus abolishing the system of proportional representation contemplated in the *Charter of the United Nations.*

Currently, the situation is complicated by the fact that the *Soviet Union* and *Poland* are represented on the Security Council. At the next meeting of the *General Assembly* either the *United Arab Republic* or *Ceylon* will be elected to the Council, neither of these have been partisans of the policies of the West. If the vote of *Cuba* is added to this group, the Communists will count on four votes, and since in order to reach agreements, including that of convoking the *General Assembly,* when the *Soviet Union* exercises the veto, seven votes of the remaining seven members states will be required, and this will not be easy to obtain.

The *Latin American Governments* have been indifferent to *Fidel Castro's* armed invasions against various American countries. They have all felt that the threat was only against the country attacked. Now they will have to look upon a new type of collective aggression. We predict that this will not be the last act of the continental drama. A Trojan horse has been introduced into America and all of the countries will suffer the consequences of their indifference or fear of collective action, which is, in fact, the only way to prevent the Communists from converting all, absolutely all, of our territories into a vast concentration camp.

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of imports, not to mention the discouragement of investors.

Practically all of the commercial establishments in *Cuba* "are eating their inventories" and when these inventories are exhausted out go all private enterprises, and the Government takes over. And when the *Agrarian Reform Institute* exhausts its funds it will make prompt appeal to the private banks which will expedite loans for payroll purposes, but on the basis of *National Bank* rediscounts—and there begins the worthless paper-monetary system of Cuba.

The other road available to the Cuban Communist Regime is via the national budget. Both methods will result in inflation and the debasement of currency, from excessive emissions or from price increases, since the State will have to establish new taxes or simply allow the cost of the subsidies to be absorbed by productive workers, that is to say, the flow of commerce will be the instrument of absorption.

Some *Cubans* expect *Russian, Chinese* or *Polish* help and help from the entire ruble sphere. These simple souls in their radical enthusiasm don't know that Russians cannot acquire anything but small quantities of sugar and since Russia produces nickel and cobalt they will not buy a single pound of these products from *Cuba.* They don't know that if Cuba goes in for exchange barters on a large scale to obtain capital goods, this will affect the system of accessories, spare parts and other needs of the industries already established.

The blindness of these people prevent them from seeing that millions of dollars will be lost, for the cost of freight from far distant points and for the far from angelical purchases from the Red Hierarchs, who are always so eager to obtain the highest selling price and the lowest buying price.

No economic process is suddenly produced. It is a process and as such its development is progressive and orderly. ***The crisis will begin as soon as the sugar crop is harvested and it will get worse from month to month.***

Come August, September, and October of this year there is no doubt that the Cuban people will be subjected to the severest rationing, and the last vestiges of democratic expression will disappear. There will even be a greater need to silence more violently than now the voices, not of enemies and political adversaries, but of their former worker and peasant friends, and professional friends, and friends of the middle class—all of whom will feel the whiplash of a situation which they believed would never affect them.

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TO OUR READERS:

Because we believe it to be a document of importance to illustrate what the situation in Cuba looks like to those who should know what Communism is, we reproduce here an Open Letter sent to the Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro by three former Soviet citizens who preferred to escape to the free world.

An Open Letter to Dr. Fidel Castro

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Dr. Fidel Castro Ruz, Premier, February 19, 1960
The Republic of Cuba, El Capitolio, Habana, Cuba.

Dear Dr. Castro:

The undersigned—three former Soviet citizens who preferred to remain in the free world than return to the Soviet Union—are taking the liberty of bringing to your attention some of the realities of Soviet life which, we believe, have been recently befogged in your country.

Please believe that what we have to say in no way constitutes any judgment on contemporary Cuban affairs. We know very little about Cuba, having never been there. But we believe we know a great deal about the Soviet Union, having lived there for most of our lives.

We would like to call to your attention the fact that Anastas I. Mikoyan, a first deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, did not act merely as an official representative of the Soviet Government during his recent visit to Cuba. When he spoke at the opening of the Soviet exhibition in Havana, before your trade union leaders, and elsewhere in Cuba, Mr. Mikoyan acted as a salesman for Communism, picturing Soviet achievements in glowing terms and trying hard to sell Communism to all Latin American nations.

In this his capacity of a Communist ideological salesman, Mr. Mikoyan made an extensive use of such words as "peace," "liberty," "justice" and "democracy." But just a few hours after he had left Cuba he vividly demonstrated that for him these words had quite a different meaning than for his listeners. On his way back to Moscow, he made a short stop in Norway where he aroused indignation in this truly democratic, peaceful and freedom-loving country, when he tried to justify Soviet suppression of the 1956 Hungarian revolt, and asserted that former Hungarian freedom fighters who were granted political asylum in Norway "are criminals."

Mr. Mikoyan asserted to his listeners in Cuba that in the Soviet Union "all riches of the country belong to their real owners—the people." But he himself knows only too well that in the USSR all means of production, land, forests, mineral resources, etc., belong not to the people, but *to the state,* which in turn is governed not by the people through their freely elected representatives, but by the Communist Party. The Soviet state is, in the final analysis, nothing more than an instrument of the Communist Party. What is good for the Party is considered good for the Soviet state, even if it goes against the will of the overwhelming majority of the peoples inhabiting the Soviet Union.

Mr. Mikoyan claimed the Soviet people are united with their government and that "our people are working with solidarity." But he himself knows that the Soviet Union was formed after a prolonged and bloody civil war and that all of the Soviet Republics of today were either conquered or forced to join the Soviet Union by intimidation, economic pressure, subversive operations and unlimited terror. As a long-time associate and a close personal friend of the late Josef Stalin, Mr. Mikoyan belongs to a very small group of living persons who know the whole shocking truth about the system of unlimited terror, persecutions, purges, blackmail, intimidation and universal spying which was imposed by the Soviet regime upon its people to assure this "working with solidarity." For over 25 years he has been a member of all the highest ranking organs of the Soviet Government and of the Soviet Communist Party, and in this capacity he had a precise knowledge of how many millions perished in purges, were sent to concentration camps for terms exceeding 10 and even 25 years, how many families were destroyed, how many Soviet children were left orphans by the actions of the Soviet regime. Mr. Mikoyan knows all these facts but he lightly dismisses them as if they are of no importance.

In his speech at the opening of the Soviet exhibition in Havana, Mikoyan did not hesitate to make the following statement—"The path of our people has been a hard one. Workers and peasants, scientific workers, engineers

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and technicians, all people of the Soviet land have built this path by the sweat of their brow, often denying themselves even the most essential things."

Mikoyan is correct when he says that the path of the Soviet people has been a hard one and that they had to work very hard. But he is lying when he claims that people of the Soviet Union were, by their own volition, "denying themselves even the most essential things." The truth is—and Mikoyan knows it—that these things were denied to the people by the Soviet regime of which he is one of the leading members. When Stalin decided to force his collectivization upon the Soviet peasants, he did not hesitate to starve to death over 5 million farmers in the Ukraine and in the North Caucasus. When Mikoyan's boss, Nikita S. Khrushchev proclaimed four years ago his campaign to cultivate virgin lands in Siberia and Kazakhstan, he sent almost a million of teenage boys and girls to these remote areas, where they had to live in tents, without any medical help, with only a meager supply of food, with no chance to buy clothing, and no place where even to wash themselves. And when these desperate boys and girls ran away and returned to their parents, Khrushchev — and Mikoyan himself — branded them as "deserters from the labor front" and demanded their severe punishment.

Mikoyan acknowledged in Cuba that the housing problem still remains acute in the Soviet Union. While doing this, he tried to assert to his Cuban listeners, first, that the acute housing shortage in the USSR was caused by World War II solely, and, second, that his government was doing everything it could to liquidate the housing shortage as fast as possible. On both of these points Mikoyan knowingly misled his listeners. The housing shortage in the Soviet Union was aggravated by the war-time destructions, but it had already been extremely acute before the war—in the thirties—when millions of peasants, driven from their villages by the forced collectivization, overflooded all Soviet cities and towns. At that time the Soviet Government did practically nothing to relieve for its urban population the housing shortage. By the end of World War II the housing picture in most of the Soviet cities resembled that of the present-day Hong Kong where refugees from Red China often live fifty persons in a room. And in the Soviet rural areas more than 10 million persons—including children, old-aged, invalids, and pregnant women—were forced to use for habitation mud-huts, barns, tents, war-time trenches and other places totally unsuitable for normal and decent living.

This was a mass tragedy on an unprecedented scale. And here Stalin's guilt was, probably, almost as great as that of Hitler, because Stalin—in his nation-wide radio-address of July 3, 1941—gave an explicit order to all army commanders, and to all military and civilian authorities of the USSR to destroy all cities, towns and villages before advancing German troops. Were the Soviet Government really a servant of the people—of which Mikoyan tried so hard to convince the people of Cuba—it would do its best to give high priority to all measures aimed at solving this tragic problem. But almost nothing had been done for almost five years, until 1950, when the Soviet authorities, at last, devoted some serious attention to housing construction. But even then their efforts were so feeble, as compared with the huge public need, that any easing of the housing shortage began to be felt only in 1958-1959. In the meantime Stalin and his heirs—as it was repeatedly revealed by Khrushchev and by Mikoyan—diverted huge amounts of money and building materials to construction of luxurious underground railways in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, skyscraper hotels and offices in Moscow, pretentious but hideous administrative buildings in all major provincial cities, summer homes and resorts for governmental and Party bosses throughout the country, and even to restoration of the former Tsarist palaces in the suburbs of Leningrad.

Mikoyan knows all this intimately. In very many cases he was directly responsible for this waste of money and materials urgently needed for housing construction. But he preferred to keep silent as to this aspect of "socialist construction."

Mikoyan tried hard to convince the peoples of Latin America that his Government's present efforts to increase trade and cultural exchanges with Latin American countries are motivated primarily by his Government's concern for the well-being of these countries and nations. But even he can hardly deny that in its foreign trade operations the Soviet government is always motivated by political interests of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, that for the Soviet Union foreign trade is only one of its weapons in the struggle against "capitalism," and even against all those countries and nations whose political line does not follow the course prescribed in Moscow.

When in 1948 Marshal Tito dared to step out of the Communist line, and severed his relations with the Cominform, the Soviet government immediately cut out all economic aid to Yugoslavia and did everything it could to disrupt the Yugoslav economy. In 1955 Nikita S. Khrushchev, assisted by Mikoyan, "made peace" with Tito and once more promised Soviet economic aid "with no strings attached." But two years later, when Tito refused to sign a declaration of the Moscow Communist gathering of November, 1957, Moscow once more froze all its economic "aid" to Yugoslavia.

The Soviet Union makes a big issue of the Soviet "friendly assistance" to the Arab countries, particularly to Egypt. But when displeased with President Nasser's actions in Syria, it did not hesitate to put on ice for more than two years all its promised and even "guaranteed" assistance in the building of the Aswan Dam. In Latin America, zigzags of the Soviet trade relations with Argentina serve as a clear example of the fact that all and any Soviet trade actions are always subordinated to political goals and purposes of the Soviet Communist Party.

Mr. Mikoyan spared no words in praising the leaders of the Cuban revolution. And he hinted more than once that he especially valued the present political climate in Cuba. He did this with the tongue in his cheek because he most certainly did not forget the words of his teacher, Lenin:

"We are at present between two foes. If we are unable to defeat them both, we must know how to dispose our forces in such a way that they fall out among themselves; because as is always the case when thieves fall out, honest men come into their own. But as soon as we are strong enough to defeat capitalism as a whole, we shall immediately take it by the scuff of the neck . . ." *Lenin,* Selected Works, vol. VIII, p. 282.

Respectfully yours,
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Garip SULTAN
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Earmarks of a Communist Regime

If what is going on in *Cuba* were nothing more than a social revolution; if the only happening of importance was the government taking over local and foreign properties without compensation; if this were the case of just another *Latin American* dictatorship, the cruelest and most blood-thirsty known in the history of the *Hemisphere,* functioning *sans* Constitution, *sans* Congress, *sans* an independent Judiciary, a dictatorship in which the Leader's word is law; if a system had been established preventing the free expression of opinion, the right to freely enter and depart national territory; if the right of association, of habeas corpus, of strike, freedom of the press and instruction did not exist; if *all individual rights were denied those who inhabit the Island*—if this were all that was happening in *Cuba,* then those who scrupulously follow the policy of non-intervention would stand on firm ground, even though not so long ago they intervened in every way possible to render aid and comfort to the rebels of *Fidel Castro.*

We agree with the position that in accordance with inter-American treaties and doctrine, reprisals should not be taken for the confiscation of property belonging to the citizens of a foreign state.

BUT only the BLIND can fail to realize that what is taking place in *Cuba* is something very different from the ordinary Latin American revolution. Examine its characteristics, which have never before appeared in any Latin American dictatorship. No self-respecting person can deny that what has been established in Cuba is a *Popular Democratic Republic,* at the unconditional orders of *Moscow* and *Peking.* These facts speak for themselves.

The principal earmarks of a totalitarian Communist regime, in accordance with the theories of *Marx, Engels, Lenin,* and *Stalin,* are clearly evident in *Castro Cuba,* as witness the following:

1. *Extreme Governmental Centralization.* In *Cuba* only one man orders and governs, Fidel Castro. Castro does not deny this. He proclaims it everyday, in word and deed. Nor do other officials of the government deny it, including Comrade Dorticos, Provisional President, a puppet, and proud of it.

2. *Extreme Nationalism.* The newspapers attached to the government the laws and decrees dictated, Castro's inflammatory attacks against all non-Communist countries, especially the *United States,* suffice to illustrate this point. *Castro Cuba* is more intensely nationalistic than *Soviet Russia.*

3. *Abolition of Human Rights.* Fifteen thousand persons executed in one year. Twenty thousand political prisoners. Thirty thousand Cubans in exile.

4. *Suppression of Free Speech.* It is universally known that laws have been enacted and applied which extend the death penalty for those expressing opinions against the government. For speaking against the pleasure of *Fidel Castro, Major Diaz Lanz* is in exile, *Hubert Matos* in the penitentiary, and *ex-President Urrutia* under house arrest. All of these men were leaders of the *July [illegible] Movement.* Last week the leaders of the suppressed *Partido Revolucionario Cubano Autentico,* which fought the regime of *President Batista,* requested permission for a meeting to be held against International Communism. The permission was denied.

5. *The Dictator represents the State, and the State personifies the Fatherland.* This is proclaimed daily, not only by *Castro* but also by his comrades, in speeches and writings. The technique used is identical to that of *Hitler, Mussolini,* and *Stalin.*

6. *One Party rule.* All of the political parties in *Cuba* except the *Communist Party* have been dissolved by law.

7. *Dictator-worship.* Not one newspaper or magazine is published in *Cuba* that does not extol the Dictator. In the schools, including primary school, students are required to memorize speeches of *Fidel Castro.* The sacrilegious magazine *Bohemia* compared *Castro* to *Jesus Christ.*

8. *Suppression of Freedom of the Press.* In *Cuba,* as repeatedly declared by the *Inter-American Press Society,* not even the vestiges of a free press remain. The majority of the newspapers have been confiscated. Owners and editors of independent papers have had to take the road to exile in order to save their lives. Last week one of the independent dailies that continued to run off the press in Havana, "El Mundo," has been appropriated by the government and its owner has taken refuge in the Italian Embassy. Only "El Diario de la Marina" continues the heroic fight, and its editor is constantly threatened with death.

9. *Persecution of those who do not obey the orders of the Leader or of the Party.* Twenty thousand political prisoners. Thirty thousand exiles, and those hiding in different parts of the *Island* could testify to this point.

10. *Militarism. Castro* offered to destroy the forts and reduce the number of enlisted men in the armed forces. In fact, *Castro* has set a record: never before in the history of *Cuba* have the armed forces been so strong, never have so many men been recruited. Thirty-four million dollars were spent in one year for the purchase of arms. This is a fact which the bearded tyrant boasts of over radio and TV. Eighty percent of the government officials, including the puppet-president, are on active military duty. Even the President of the National Bank, an Argentine by the name of *Guevara,* well known for his militant communism, is a major in the Army.

11. *Confiscation of Private Property resulting in its Complete Destruction.* The thousands of *Cubans* and foreigners who lost their properties without compensation are better qualified than us to speak on this point. There is virtually no foreign enterprise, particularly of the *United States,* left in *Cuba* that has not had some of its property stolen by the government.

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NEWS AND COMMENT

UNITED STATES—A person well connected with business circles in New York reports the following.

"A month or six weeks ago, all of the *American* investors in *Cuba* were advised definitely that the *U. S. Government* had a strong program, consisting of five consecutive steps, to solve the difficulties in the "Pearl of the Antilles."

"After a week, when nothing happened, and Mr. X was again asked about the five consecutive steps, he apologetically explained that they had been abandonned. But two days later, he telephoned the same investors to announce that a very positive step was about to be taken in a day or two. Forty-eight hours later, again he had to apologize that that step had been abandoned."

★ There will be no U. S. military aid to *Cuba* or the *Dominican Republic* in the fiscal year starting July 1st.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White said the Administration will seek no funds for this purpose.

★ Stockholders of *Francisco Sugar Company* were told at the annual meeting that the Company had not received any offer of compensation from the *Cuban Government* for its intervention last November into the Company's 23,000 acre cattle operation. The *Cuban Agrarian Reform Law* provides for compensation to landowners in still unissued twenty year 4 percent bonds.

M. C. Pierce, counsel of *Francisco Sugar Co.,* said he did not know of any landowners who have yet been offered the bonds. *Mr. B. Rionda Braga,* President, called the annual report for the year ended October 31st a "very distressing one."

The Company lost $239,784 compared with earnings of $1,033,544 or $2.86 a share, in the prior fiscal year.

★ *U. S.* newspapers reported that on February 8th, at *Brandeis University,* while Governor Rockefeller of New York "charged that *Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's* seizure of private property had discredited his revolution in the United States," Benjamin Cohen, titled in the report, "Chilean United Nations Ambassador," said, "Castro took over a program of land reforms. In any revolution it is necessary for the government to take away property to punish those in opposition."

We can assure our readers that *Mr. Cohen* is not Ambassador of *Chile* to the *United Nations,* nor does he have any official position in the *Chilean Government.* His declaration reflects his own personal opinions and not that of the *Government at Santiago* which would be incapable of supporting a position against the legalistic tradition of Chile, a position never sustained in practice by the people of Chile.

★ In Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, *Adlai E. Stevenson* remarked to Mexican newspapermen on February 16th: "We can expect ten years of difficulties with Cuba because of the loan made to that country by the Soviet Union." The prominent Democratic leader felt that *Mikoyan's* trip was a decided effort at penetration in Cuba.

★ *The Assistant Secretary of Defense of the United States, Floyd S. Bryant* gave notice on February 16th, before the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives, **"that aggressive and subversive Communist activities are more and more approaching the United States.** Therefore, he added, the forces of American defense should be kept alert and in condition to engage in local warfare."

★ Washington, Feb. 14—*Soviet Russia* almost certainly has a radio booster station somewhere in *Latin America* to help shower that area with propaganda, *Senator Kenneth B. Keating,* Republican of New York, declared today.

He also reported that both *Soviet* and *Chinese* Communist radio stations are beaming programs to all countries in Central and South America eighty-five hours a week.

The reception of these programs is extremely clear, he went on. It is obvious that the *Russians* have a powerful relay station somewhere in Latin America, which accounts for the day-by-day clarity of their radio programs."

MEXICO—*Ex-Minister of Labor, Dr. Andres Serra Rojas,* told the members of the *Cultural Association of Oratory and Human Relations* that "as soon as *Cuba* becomes a declared Communist state the third world war will explode." He said that "there are two *Cuban* revolutions, the *Cuban* Revolution that triumphed and the Revolution since the triumph."

"The first was idealistic and good, but after *Fidel Castro* took power, he became a clown, a man who spoke over TV eight hours daily—his topic was always himself, *Fidel Castro.* He never spoke of Cuba but only of himself.

"The *Cuban revolution* is not superior to the *Mexican revolution.* It was animated at the beginning by the same ideals as ours, but they have become lost, darkened, and the Revolution has fallen into the grave error of placing itself at the most dangerous crossroads of the modern world.

"We are moving, not only the Cubans, but all of humanity, through a pass. On one side is the Soviet Union, on the other the United States. The *U. S.* teaches us that the State should serve the individual. The *Soviet Union,* on the contrary teaches something that does not interest us, because they say that the State should do away with individual freedoms, that we are slaves of the State, that the State is a monster to whom we must give our lives and our families—this we do not like. It is foreign to everything that we have learned from our democratic institutions.

The *Cuban Revolution* is definitely moving away from the *United States* and this departure implies its conversion to Communism. **The Cuban People are creating a powder-box because as soon as they adopt a policy of this type the third world war will burst forth.**

"The moment *Cuba* converts itself into an open Communist state, at that moment universal equilibrium will be broken. That is why I do not believe in the Cuban revolution. **It is inconceivable that a maniac take charge of the fate of the world."**

We would like to add that if much time is allowed to pass without taking action to eradicate the *Red* regime established in *Cuba* by *Fidel Castro* and his comrades, the result will be conscientious cooperation to deliver the fate of the universe to a man completely insane.

BRAZIL—*President Eisenhower* was received with great enthusiasm by most of the people of *Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro,* and *San Paulo.* The President gave a very important speech to the *Congress of Brazil,* the most important paragraph of which we quote below.

"We would consider it intervention in the internal affairs of a State if any power, whether by invasion, coercion, or subversion, succeeded in denying freedom of choice to the people of any of our sister republics."

This, indeed, was a "hands-off warning to would-be aggressors.

Mikoyan in *Cuba,* not only entered into trade agreements with that country, with the promise of large credits, but promised that Russia would cooperate ***in every way, including the supply of arms and ammunition.*** The *Russian Deputy Premier* further said his government would similarly cooperate with other *Latin American* countries which desired aid.

Senator Smathers, Democrat, of Florida, who has made inter-American affairs and inter-American cooperation

his prime objectives, commented that *President Eisenhower's* statement in *Rio* had come at the right time and with the right emphasis. In his own opinion *Senator Smathers* said, "Communist activities constitute a real threat in this hemisphere, with Communist parties active in many of the American republics."

He looks, he said, to the cooperation of the American republics to offset these activities. "We must act jointly", he declared, but he left no doubt that "we must act when necessary."

Senator Carlson, Republican, of Kansas, member of the *Senate Foreign Relations Committee,* was equally approving of President Eisenhower's reaffirmation of the *Monroe Doctrine.*

ARGENTINA—The reception given by Buenos Aires to President Eisenhower was also enthusiastic in spite of the bombs set off the night before by certain extremists. He also was well received in *Mar del Plata* and *Bariloche.*

The *President,* in his first speech, praised the work carried out by *President Frondizi's* administration, and as in Brazil, he offered all of the economic cooperation that the capacity of the United States would permit.

In a dinner given him by *Frondizi,* the *U. S. President* said, "When freedom, democracy, and national sovereignty are in jeopardy in any country, they are to some degree in jeopardy in all free countries of the world."

CHILE—*President Eisenhower* was enthusiastically received in this country, his next to last stop in his South American tour. During his brief stay he addressed the Chilean Congress at a special meeting and after praising Chile's initiative to study disarmament in Latin America, he referred to the Rio Treaty of 1947 saying "My Government supports this solemn agreement. Should any American republic be the victim of aggression, the United States is ready to fulfill its treaty obligations with strength, promptness and firmness."

In another speech to Americans resident in Chile he denied allegations that the U. S. supported dictatorships and said "This is ridiculous . . . We repudiate dictatorship in any form, Right or Left."

URUGUAY—In the early afternoon of March 2nd, President Eisenhower arrived in Montevideo to be greeted by the cheers of hundreds of thousands of Uruguayans who showered him with confetti in his drive thru the city.

A jarring incident was an attempt by leftist students to demonstrate against President Eisenhower with shouts of *"Viva Castro", "Down with the United States".* Police brought up fire hoses and fired tear gas against the students and the incident didn't go further.

★ Thus ended the *President's* good will tour of South America. The incidents in Montevideo follow a news that *Radio Mambi,* official spokesman for the *Cuban Government* in *Havana* announced several times on the 29th of February and the 1st of March that instructions had been given to Montevideo to demonstrate against the *President of the United States.*

TOKIO—A United Press telegram says "Communist China accused the United States today of plotting a war against the revolutionary Cuban regime of Prime Minister *Fidel Castro.* "President Eisenhower's tour of South America is part of this enormous monstruous conspiracy," the official newspaper, the Peiping Daily, asserted.

URUGUAY—According to the Press, the *President of the Council of Government of Uruguay* recently requested the *U. S. State Department* to commute the death sentence imposed on kidnapper-rapist *Caryl Chessman,* a sentence whose execution has been repeatedly postponed.

The Governor of California, *Edmund G. Brown,* in view of this request transmitted to him by the *State Department* with the warning given by the *Uruguayan President* to the effect that if *Chessman* were executed serious disturbances would endanger *Eisenhower's* visit to that country, granted *Chessman* a sixty day reprieve and passed the problem on to the state legislature to decide whether or not capital punishment should be abolished in *California.*

We presume that the *President of Uruguay* has made the same gesture to the government of *Fidel Castro* in *Cuba,* which in less than a year has taken the lives of fifteen thousand Cubans, not common criminals such as Chessman, but political opponents. And if he has not yet done so, we respectfully request that he uses his good offices to intervene on behalf of the twenty thousand political prisoners, at least to the extent that they be treated decently and be given food fit for human consumption.

Recently, in the *Organization of American States,* at *Washington,* we listened to the representative of Uruguay and others eloquently protest the arrest of close to two thousand persons in the *Dominican Republic.*

Laudable behavior, indeed, but we are still waiting for someone to speak on behalf of the political prisoners of *Cuba* who are also human beings. A double standard for such cases produces shock, not to say, indignation, on the part of the American peoples.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—*Radio Ciudad Trujillo* has resumed transmissions of the two *Cuban* exiles still remaining there, because no other country will admit them.

The interesting thing about these transmissions is that they are dedicated to insulting, in the crudest language imaginable, ***not Fidel Castro and his comrades, but those who oppose Castro, those who have rejected his Red regime from the start.***

This confirms the existence of a secret non-aggression pact entered into by the Governments of *Ciudad Trujillo* and *Havana,* which we mentioned a few weeks ago, a pact which has helped *Castro* to reap the sugar crop without major difficulties.

The sugar crop represents hundreds of millions of dollars to *Fidel Castro* and his comrades, and to those who negotiated this pact and have greatly benefited. No longer do they speak of organized invasions against the Dominican Republic from Cuba, and Havana radios have ceased attacking the Dominican Government. Nor does *Cuba* take seriously the long-announced threat of an invasion from *Santo Domingo.* Now *Fidel Castro* is the model *Good Neighbor* of the *Dominican Republic.*

PANAMA—On February 23rd, in the traditionally peaceful city of *Santiago de Veraguas,* in the interior of Panama, a young man placed a bomb in the home of *Enrique Benitez,* well known and respected industrialist of the community who has always distinguished himself by his opposition to international Communism.

A police sergeant trying to prevent the explosion lost a leg and is now in serious condition in the hospital. When asked why he tried to bomb *Mr. Benitez,* the would-be murderer said that it was because *Benitez* was a friend of the *United States.*

A bomb intended to kill the Director of the Normal School, recently exploded in Santiago.

NEWS AND COMMENT

VENEZUELA — *President Romulo Betancourt* announced the Agrarian Reform Law at a ceremony held at Carabobo, where *Simon Bolivar* put the seal on *Venezuela's* independence 150 years ago.

Betancourt said, "it is impossible to lay the foundation of a republic at the border of economic feudalism." But he pointed out that there had not been nor would there be violence of any kind in carrying out the reform "because we have chosen the way of law."

The law is designed to expropriate uncultivated lands, to be turned over to the peasants. No land under cultivation may be taken by the Government, says the law, which also provides that every farm expropriated whose value is not greater than 100,000 bolivares will be paid for in cash to its legitimate owner, and those that exceed this amount will be paid 40% in cash and the balance in 4% interest-bearing bonds guaranteed by the government.

EL SALVADOR—*Felipe Herrera,* 37 year old *Chilean,* has been named *President of the Inter-American Development Bank.*

Herrera, one of the most brilliant economists in *Latin America,* on accepting the position said "The Bank will constitute the first combined and multilateral financial effort of the United States and the Latin American countries." The Bank has an authorized capital of one billion dollars, of which the *U. S.* will contribute 450 millions.

The *Government of Cuba* was the only *Latin American* country which did not ratify the agreement establishing the Bank on the pretext that one billion dollars was insufficient capital. The truth is that Cuba would have to contribute 40 million dollars, and the National Bank, far from having such a sum available, is in reality overdrawn to the extent of 154 million dollars.

GUATEMALA—The agreement establishing the *Central American Tripartite Economic Association* was recently signed. *El Salvador, Guatemala* and *Honduras* signed the treaty setting forth the concrete bases for the first Common Market in *Latin America. Nicaragua* and *Costa Rica* were not signatories to the treaty, but they may join the arrangement at their convenience.

The treaty provides for the immediate free movement of persons and capital among the three countries, as well as natural and manufactured products. Excepted are only 55 articles which are subjected to a special arrangement which will last for five years. Not the slightest obstacle will exist after this period to the free movement of natural, manufactured or imported articles. Import duties affecting this area will be uniform and a joint customs administration will be set up.

The most important aspect of the treaty is the *Development and Assistance Fund* to which the participating countries will contribute. Funds will come from capital markets and receipts of public and private institutions of the three countries. It is rumored that the *United States* has offered to contribute to the Fund.

El Salvador, Guatemala, and *Honduras,* represent 80% of the *Central American* population and 90% of its commerce.

MEXICO—The well known daily of *Mexico City, "Excelsior,"* publishes an editorial entitled "Communist Aggressions" from which we quote:

"Ever since Dr. Fidel Castro, Premier of Cuba, declared himself to be champion of the so called "anti-colonialism"—a word brandished against the United States in order to present the Soviet Union as an example of purity—and since the same Castro invented a sui generis nationalism (on one side he insists that the U.S. Government buy Cuban sugar at a high price and on the other side is pleased to sell it at a low price to Moscow) the Cuban Premier has become the man of the disturbing daydreams of hemispheric Communists, as was in other times Arbenz, who once out of power, turned out to be a false Guatemalan, a false nationalist, and a false revolutionist.

"So, Fidel Castro, in the form of a huge Communist publicity poster, was presented in Santiago and Montevideo as an opponent of President Eisenhower, and as a "glorious man" in spite of his excentric beard, his fourteen months of outrages, and his love for television.

"But with this chieftain of America's leftists, in a continent that has always been rich in generosities, freedoms, and illustrious men, the "hemispheric communist coordination" found an instrument to endeavor to frustrate *President Eisenhower's* trip to *Uruguay. Castro* was the match-stick used to scorch the reputation of *Montevideo* with the hysterical outburst of students and bohemians, who disregarding the decency required by the laws of hospitality, repeated the unfortunate stunt carried out with respect to *Mr. Nixon.*

"Apart from the disorder which this kind of act produces in the countries, who can doubt that what happened in *Montevideo* on the arrival of *President Eisenhower* is due to the black, although useful combinations, prepared by the puffing and discordant leftist movement? Who would be capable of denying that the Castro forces moved ahead to discredit the hospitable spirit of the Spanish-speaking peoples?"

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BOGOTA—The former Cuban naval attache in Caracas, Felipe Vidal Santiago, informed a press conference that he found it impossible to return to *Cuba* because of the persecution of his relatives, and therefore would seek asylum in Colombia.

Vidal declared that he broke with the *Castro* government because of a report he submitted on the subversive incidents of January 6 in *Venezuela.* Shortly thereafter, his wife and other members of his family were detained in Havana.

Hurling strong accusations against the *Castro* regime, *Vidal* remarked, among other things, that the government was affected by Communism and that the economic ruin of Cuba was imminent.

COSTA RICA—The meeting of the *Inter American Press Society* got under way at Kingston, Jamaica, on March 16th. Highlighting the gathering was a report submitted by one of the most distinguished journalists of the Americas, *Ricardo Castro,* editor of *"La Nacion"* of *San Jose.* As Chairman of the *Special Committee on Freedom of the Press,* he rendered a courageous report in which he denounced the fact that in *Castro Cuba,* not even the slightest vestige of freedom of the press existed. He declared that *Fidel Castro* should be classified **as a dictator and that his regime had large-scale connections with International Communism.** Our congratulations to this valiant champion of democracy and freedom of the press.

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Cubans Report Executing Four As CIA Agents

HAVANA, May 28 (AP).—Four men who were described as agents of the United States Central Intelligence Agency, captured as they tried to land in Cuba, have been executed, the Havana press reported today.

This was the first mention of the capture of infiltrators since exiles in the United States announced they planned to begin landings to launch guerrilla warfare.

The announcement said the men had sailed from Miami. They were shot yesterday after a trial by the First Revolutionary Tribunal of the Havana district. The four were identified as:

Felipe Vidal Santiago, former officer in the navy of dictator Fulgencio Batista; Ladislao Gonzalez Benetez, Elias Rivera Bello and Alfredo Valdes Linares.

The government said the four were captured by frontier guards of the Interior Ministry after they were sighted off the north coast of Las Villas Province.

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Cubans Report Executing Four As CIA Agents

MIAMI, Fla., May 28 (AP)—Four men, said by Havana Radio to be United States Central Intelligence Agency agents, were reported excuted by a firing squad Tuesday for trying to land on the Cuban coast.

One of the men was identified as Maj. Felipe Vidal Santiago, a diplomatic aide in charge of the Cuban Embassy in Venezuela shortly after Fidel Castro took power in Cuba.

The broadcast, monitored here, said the four men were convicted by a revolutionary tribunal of infiltrating Cuba for subversive activities and shot a few hours after an appeals court ratified the death sentences. They were captured when they tried to land on the north coast of Las Villas Province, the broadcast said.

The Cuban Government accused the four of sailing in an armed boat from Miami under the direct orders of Manuel Ray, head of the anti-Castro Revolutionary Junta.

Executed with Maj. Vidal Santiago were Ladislao Gonzalez Benitez, Elias Rivera Bello and Alfredo Valdes Linares, the broadcast said.

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Cuba~~ns~~ Kill Four Rebels As U.S. Spies

HAVANA, May 28 (UPI) The Castro regime today announced the firing-squad execution of four Cuban rebels described as United States spies.

The men were said to have been executed before dawn today after their conviction by a Cabana Fortess war crimes board and subsequent rejection of appeals for a retrial.

The government said the men were captured off the North Coast of Las Villas Province while seeking to infiltrate Cuba. The date was not disclosed.

An official announcement described them as "agents of the (United States) Central Intelligence Agency," favorite whipping boy of the Castro regime. It also identified them as members of the anti-Castro Revolutionary Junta (Jure) party of ex-Castro Minister Manuel Ray.

The leader of the infiltration group was identified as Felipe Vidal Santiago, a former Cuban navy career officer.

(In Miami, the United Front of National Liberation Organization claimed Vidal and said he was on a mission to try to block a Communist plan to give the Castro regime a "new look." The plan supposedly called for the old guard to form a Communist [illegible] government, then "Castro and his followers were to leave Cuba which would then be in the hands of a quasi-socialist government." The idea, he said, was to make Cuba more acceptable to the United States.)

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Exile Group Petitions OAS To Recognize War On Cuba

By MARY LOUISE WILKINSON
Reporter of The Miami News

A Miami exile group today petitioned the United States and other nations in the Organization of American States to recognize it as a belligerent at war with Castro's Cuba.

The United Front for National Liberation, through its lawyer, Charles Ashmann, drew up a petition asking for recognition by the 19-nation OAS to conduct lawful "civilized" warfare.

Ashmann defined civilized war as one in which prisoners were taken and treated according to international agreement.

Spokesmen for National Liberation, a heretofore little known group, was Felipe Vidal Santiago, 37, a former Cuban naval officer.

Vidal said his so-called "Declaration of Miami" would permit the group to wage sea and land warfare against Castro if recognized by any nation in the OAS.

Ashmann said international law provides that any military unit engaged in hostilities may raise itself above the level of insurgency and be declared legal belligerents if it fills five requirements.

The requirements, he said, were:

- WEARING a recognizable uniform.
- HAVING an insignia or flag.
- DECLARING its intention to fight.
- HAVING military leaders.
- PLEDGING itself to conduct warfare in accord with international treaties.

Vidal, who said the group was formed in October 1960, displayed a khaki fatigue uniform and a green and white flag bearing The Cross of Lorraine.

He said the group did not intend to violate the laws of any country.

But he declared that if the state of belligerency went unrecognized the group would still maintain their right to sail international waters and would oppose any attempt at the confiscation of their boats and arms.

"It is the duty of the United States to recognize our belligerency," he said, "a duty to the Cuban people with whom the U.S. entered into agreements before Castro seized power."

Vidal was among the first exile leaders to be served with papers prohibiting him from leaving Dade County recently.

Ashmann said Vidal had been released into his custody after being discovered in the Monroe County Everglades following the prohibition order.

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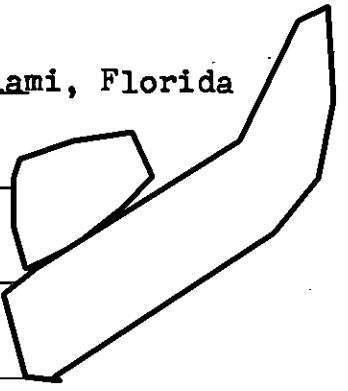

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Miami, Florida

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Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Miami, Florida.

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Re: UNITED FRONT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION
(FRENTE UNIDO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL)
(FULN)
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On August 28, 1963, Felipe Vidal Santiago, [redacted] Cuban b7D
[redacted]
Liberation.

Vidal stated that at the present time [redacted] b7D
[redacted]

Vidal stated that when he held his press conferences in April, 1963, to announce the organization's position as a belligerent power, the organization planned to contact the several Latin American countries for legal recognition as a belligerent. He stated they have sent a number of documents and delegates to the several Central American Republics seeking recognition as a belligerent, [redacted] b7D
[redacted] Vidal stated that until his organization can prove success in military operations inside Cuba, it is doubtful that the different Western Hemisphere Governments will recognize his organization as a belligerent.

RE: UNITED FRONT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION

Vidal stated that when Luis Somoza, ex-President of Nicaragua, visited the United States in July, 1963, he conferred with a number of leading Cuban exile leaders in Miami. Vidal did not talk to him personally but rather sent a delegate to confer with Somoza.

Vidal claims that [redacted] b7E

Vidal stated he has conferred with the majority of the Cuban exile leaders in Miami and it is his opinion that the entire [redacted]

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Vidal concluded there will have to be some major United States policy change before Cuban exiles can realize their efforts to overthrow the present Government of Cuba.

Vidal stated he is not active in any unity group, is not working for unity and there are no serious unity movements in existence at the present time.

Vidal said the present plan of his organization is to continue contacts with the several Central American countries hoping for future bases of operation and military aid. The organization is waiting changes in Western Hemisphere political developments and realized that military operations against Cuba from the United States cannot be conducted at this time because such operations would be stopped by the United States Government.

Vidal continued that it is his opinion that the liberating army of Cuba exists in Cuba today but needs leadership, direction, arms, stimulation and support. Vidal felt certain that if a well known exile leader were sent to Cuba and given arms and recognition by the different Western Hemisphere Governments the present Communist Government in Cuba could be overthrown.

On [redacted], MM T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [redacted] b7D

MM T-1 stated Vidal's organization is relatively inactive and does not have any current propaganda or military activities.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-101580) DATE: JAN 20 1964

FROM : SAC, Miami (105-4427)(P)

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SUBJECT: UNITED FRONT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION (FRENTE UNIDO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL) (FULN)
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Re Miami letter to Bureau, with enclosures, 9/4/63.

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Enclosed herewith are 12 copies of LHM dated 211 326 and captioned as above.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

MM T-1 is MM 639-S. (U)

DATE 7-19-93

On January 6, 1964, U.S. Customs, Miami, advised they had no current information concerning FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO's activities.

On January 8, 1964, TYRUS MINNIX, Assistant in Charge of Travel Control, INS, Miami, advised he talked to VIDAL that day by phone, and VIDAL is currently in the Pan American Hospital, Miami, suffering burns on his face. MINNIX said when he is released from the hospital, he will be interviewed under oath by INS, but it is unknown what action INS will take.

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It is noted VIDAL SANTIAGO was served a notice of Prevention of Departure in March, 1963. This notice prevents him from leaving the land limits of Dade County, Florida. However, in April, 1963, VIDAL was found in the Florida Keys, where U.S. Customs seized his boat and a load of arms. In November, 1963, VIDAL visited Dallas, Texas, without permission of INS, and on January 5, 1964 was on a boat 25 miles southeast of Miami.

On January 9, 1964 [redacted] Miami, advised that agency has no operational interest in VIDAL or the Americans currently associated with him.

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The Miami Office will maintain contact with INS, Miami, to ascertain what action that agency takes against VIDAL concerning his violation of INS' notice of Prevention of Departure.

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(FRENTE UNIDO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL)
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ON 6-22-94 (JFK)

MM T-1, who is [redacted] advised that FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO, 2393 N.W. 7th Street, Miami, Florida, continues to be head of the United Front for National Liberation. (U)

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MM T-1 said that [redacted] MM T-1 explained that [redacted] (U) [redacted]

On October 31, 1963, MM T-1 advised that VIDAL talks about [redacted] associates with [redacted] (U)

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On November 11, 1963, MM T-1 advised that VIDAL [redacted] (U)

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MM T-1 advised it is doubtful VIDAL was able to [redacted] VIDAL currently stated [redacted] VIDAL [redacted] (U)

On November 21, 1963, MM T-1 advised that VIDAL [redacted] (U)

Miami, Fla.

On November 22, 1963, [redacted] advised he is one of the [redacted]

[redacted] said he considers VIDAL as an unimportant personality in the anti-CASTRO movement, and his organization not much more than a paper organization without prestige, activity or any significant membership. [redacted] said VIDAL has tried some military operations against Cuba in the past, but has failed. VIDAL has a reputation for poor planning, acting impetuously and being somewhat unpredictable. [redacted] said that the more experienced Cuban raiders who have attacked the north coast of Cuba in the past, would be hesitant to accompany VIDAL on any such action against Cuba. b6 b7C

On December 13, 1963, [redacted] Miami, advised he [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] VIDAL, who is relatively inactive, lacks funds but has some small arms, and possibly a boat available to him. [redacted] said VIDAL is not important in the anti-CASTRO movement and it is doubtful he has any potential to do anything other than an occasional infiltration or exfiltration mission to Cuba.

On December 16, 1963, [redacted] advised [redacted] Miami, Fla. b6 b7C an organization [redacted]

[redacted] stated that VIDAL, from having a background of being in the Cuban Navy, has ability in the operation of boats. He is interested in infiltrating supplies and arms into Cuba to guerrilla forces. However, VIDAL lacks knowledge of military techniques and tactics, and would be completely unqualified to participate in any type of guerrilla warfare. [redacted] estimated that VIDAL has some limited amount of military equipment, but lacks finances, recognition and a strong organization. b6 b7C

On December 17, 1963, FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO, 2393 N.W. 7th Street, Miami, was interviewed in connection with another matter. Incidental to this interview VIDAL stated he continues to be the head of the United

Front for National Liberation, and continues in his desire to carry the war of liberation to Cuba.

VIDAL said he has been loosely associated with [redacted] b6 b7C

VIDAL said he wants to leave the United States but cannot go to South American and begin operations there because of lack of money. He has to stay in the United States but cannot continue his work for the liberation of Cuba in the United States because of United States government interference.

VIDAL complained that every time the Cuban exile group plans some military action against Cuba, one of the group sells the information to the United States government, the mission is stopped, boats and arms confiscated, and the United States government continues to prevent Cuban exiles from fighting to liberate their country.

VIDAL continued that American liberal and left wing groups, press and Communists in the United States government, [redacted] b6 b7C VIDAL complained that no one in the United States or in the United States government helps the right wing anti-Communist organizations such as the United Front for National Liberation. VIDAL continued that [redacted] VIDAL charged that [redacted] in the

anti-CASTRO movement, of having a past history of being Communists.

VIDAL maintained that the [redacted] b3 b7E

VIDAL said that in about the Spring or Summer of 1963, he attended the original meetings of the Cuban Committee for Liberation which was supposed to be a united group of Cuban personalities. VIDAL claimed that [redacted] later took over the organization. VIDAL was not consulted. VIDAL refuses to be represented by [redacted] VIDAL quit the organization, has never gone gack, and has nothing to do with it. VIDAL stated he does not back [redacted] and has nothing to do with him. b6 b7C

VIDAL said he knows [redacted] VIDAL said he considers [redacted] anti-CASTRO activities. b6 b7C

VIDAL admitted that in the early part of November, 1963 or about two weeks before the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, he left Miami, Florida, and visited Dallas, Texas. He stayed there 5

days and while there, [redacted] b6 b7C
the purpose of getting [redacted]
[redacted] He said [redacted]
and stated he, [redacted]
[redacted] VIDAL denied that he asked [redacted] for any
money donations.

The MIAMI HERALD, a daily newspaper published in Miami, Florida, on January 6, 1964, contained an article stating that on January 5, 1964 a 22' boat caught fire and sank about 25 miles southeast of Miami, Florida. This boat, FOUR JAYS, [redacted] went down at 1:15 PM b6 b7C
with [redacted]

The article stated that after the fire started, FELIPE VIDAL, 2293 N.W. 7th Street, in his boat, the RUBIO, came alongside the FOUR JAYS and attempted to lift the trio to safety.

The article stated all four persons were burned and were rescued from their boats and taken to a hospital in Miami.

The article stated that [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] on a cruise
of the area.

[redacted] was described [redacted]
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MM T-1 on [redacted], advised that the previous evening, [redacted] stated [redacted] VIDAL SANTIAGO. (U) b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] indicated they were at sea in a 22' boat when it exploded and caught fire. VIDAL was on another boat close by and came to rescue them. [redacted] indicated the United States Coast Guard found some papers for either the RUBIO or the FOUR JAYS, but actually the papers were false, and the boat does not exist as a registered boat. (U)

MM T-1 advised that [redacted] claimed that [redacted] (U) b6 b7C b7D

MM T-1 explained that [redacted] (U) b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

[redacted] (U)

MM T-1 said [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

[redacted] (U)

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exile groups for the past [redacted]

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MM T-1 described [redacted] as:

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Height
Weight
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Eyes
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TO : DIR[redacted]CTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: APR 22 1964

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FROM : SAC, MIAMI [redacted] (P)

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SUBJECT: UNITED FRONT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION
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MM T-1 is [redacted]

Miami office will maintain contact with sources, informants, and other Government agencies to ascertain present whereabouts of FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO and report his return to Miami.

On April 14, 1964, U. S. Customs advised they had just interviewed [redacted] Details of this interview by Customs is not immediately available.

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Date 5-4-64 by [redacted]

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Miami, Florida

APR 22 1964

Re: UNITED FRONT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION (FRENTE UNIDO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL) (FULN)

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By letter dated March 14, 1964, [redacted] Miami, Florida, advised that on [redacted] information had been received that [redacted] an [redacted] b6 b7C

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On March 13, 1964, the North Miami, Florida, Police Department, apprehended [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

[redacted]

Re: UNITED FRONT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION

These Cubans, who were interviewed by United States Customs Agents, [redacted]

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[redacted] by United States Customs [redacted]

On March 13, 1964, MM T-1, who has been involved [redacted] advised that FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO, 2393 N. W. 7th Street, Miami, a Cuban national, [redacted]

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MM T-1 said that VIDAL [redacted]

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On April 8, 1964, [redacted] United States Customs Agent, Miami, advised that FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO had not been seen around Miami for about the past three weeks, and that his present whereabouts was unknown to United States Customs Agents.

[redacted] said that [redacted] United States Customs Agents [redacted] probably belonged to [redacted] said that to his knowledge, VIDAL [redacted]

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On April 8, 1964, MM T-1 advised that he had that [redacted] who stated that VIDAL [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On April 8, 1964, [redacted] but it probably had something to do with fighting Communism in Cuba. [redacted] advised that on April 1, 1964, [redacted] heard a news broadcast on the radio stating that some Cubans had been rescued by the United States Coast Guard. Later, on a news program on television, [redacted] saw this group of [redacted] who were rescued by the Coast Guard, and [redacted] FELIPE, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] said on [redacted] by a friend of her husband, [redacted] Miami, who stated that VIDAL SANTIAGO [redacted] detained at the INS Detention Facility, Opa-locka, Florida. b6 b7C

[redacted] claimed [redacted] was being held incommunicado. [redacted] stated [redacted] was worried about his not feeling well, and alleged that the United States Government was violating VIDAL's civil rights. [redacted] stated [redacted] had sent [redacted] and he was told VIDAL was not there. [redacted] continued that [redacted] had heard from another source that [redacted] was seen wearing a pair of handcuffs and being taken from the Federal Building in Miami across the street to the Dade County Jail by INS detention officers. b6 b7C

On April 8, 1964, Lieutenant [redacted] United States Coast Guard, Miami, Florida, advised that on b6 b7C

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[redacted] Florida, to Miami, Florida, by the United States Coast Guard. [redacted] FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO [redacted]

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On April 8, 1964, [redacted] Investigator, INS, Miami, Florida, advised that VIDAL SANTIAGO was not being held at INS Detention Facility, Opa-locka, Florida, and that VIDAL's immediate whereabouts was unknown.

On April 8, 1964, [redacted] Cuban Coordinating Unit, INS, Miami, advised that he did not know anyone with the name of [redacted] (phonetic), that VIDAL was not being held by INS, and that VIDAL's present whereabouts is unknown.

On April 8, 1964, [redacted] Miami, advised that agency does not know the present whereabouts of VIDAL SANTIAGO [redacted]

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On April 8, 1964, [redacted] Miami, advised that [redacted] had previously [redacted] CUBA [redacted] present whereabouts is unknown.

On April 13, 1964, [redacted] Miami, advised that he has a [redacted] He stated that he knows FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO, [redacted] advised he has not seen VIDAL for [redacted] and could provide no information as to his present whereabouts.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] DATE: 9/4/63

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FROM : SAC, MIAMI [redacted] (P)

SUBJECT: UNITED FRONT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION
(FRENTE UNIDO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL)
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[redacted]

Re Miami letter to the Bureau with enclosures dated 5/9/63.

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MM T-1 is [redacted]

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[redacted] advised they know of no present activities on the part of FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO or any significant activities of the UNITED FRONT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION.

The Miami Office will continue to follow the activities of this organization and keep the Bureau advised.

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MM T-2 explained that VIDAL was the leader of a small independent anti-CASTRO organization known as the United Fund for National Liberation. This organization had about 10 members but was not engaged in any publicity and no military training camps, offices, funds or significant activity. VIDAL, as a well known Cuban personality, was in essence the organization and with his death the organization has disappeared.

On July 22, 1964, MM T-2 advised that United Fund for National Liberation no longer exists and the [redacted] b7D

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RE: UNITED FUND FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION
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On April 30, 1964, MM T-1, [redacted]

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MM T-2, who has been [redacted] FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO for the Cuban [redacted]

Deceased 5-28-64

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MM T-2 advised that Radio Havana, Havana, Cuba, on about June 2, 1964, announced that FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO and four other Cuban nationals were captured by the Cuban government when the group was trying to infiltrate into Cuba. VIDAL and the other four were convicted by a military tribunal and executed on May 28, 1964.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI [redacted] DATE: 8/15/64

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FROM : SAC, Miami [redacted] (C)

SUBJECT: UNITED FUND FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION
(FRENTE UNIDO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL) (FULN)
[redacted]

Re Miami letter with enclosures 4/22/64.

Enclosed herewith are 12 copies of a letterhead memo dated and captioned as above.

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Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being disseminated locally to [redacted] Miami; [redacted] Ga.; G-2, [redacted] Coast Guard; Customs, Miami; Customs, Region II; Border Patrol; and INS.

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MM T-1 is [redacted]

MM T-2 is [redacted]

Enclosed letterhead memorandum is being classified ~~Secret~~ inasmuch as it contains information from MM T-1 so ~~classified.~~

Inasmuch as FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO is dead and the FULN is no longer in existence, this case is being closed.

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2 - Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM) [redacted]
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12 - ENCLOSURE

Copy to: [redacted] State/~~BAO~~ AAG-ISD/USCS/DIA
[redacted] ACSI Customs/Criminal
by routing slip for info.
Date 8/26/64 by [redacted]

NATIONAL SEC.

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